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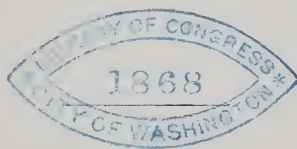
OF

FAMILY PRAYER:

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P R E F A C E .

THE compiler of this Order of Family Prayer, has long believed that there would be a more general observance of family prayer in the families of the Lutheran Church, and that such observance would be much more interesting and profitable than that which now exists, if our Church members had access to a convenient, cheap, churchly, and well-ordered form of prayer, and were encouraged to use it. This want he has here attempted to supply. Instead of single, long prayers for each morning and evening for several weeks, as are usually found in books of devotion, there is here a large variety of such parts as ought to enter into the devotions of a family. It is almost a full Church service. There are the Introit, the Ten Commandments, the Confession, the Kyrie, the Absolution, the Gloria, the Hymn, the Bible Lesson, the Prayer, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction, essential parts of a complete service for a "Church in the house." Yet they are so arranged, and such provision is made for the participation of the various members of the family in the service, that even very young children will be interested, and the whole service will not weary as much as a service of less than one-fourth its length, differently conducted. If the heads of our families will consent to try the use of this

Order, they will find, in a short time, the profit of it, in the interest, instruction, and religious improvement of the children. Let each child, and all the other members of the family, be provided with a copy of this book, and have it in hand, and be encouraged to join, with audible voice, in saying the parts assigned to the family, and it will be found that, instead of the hour for family worship being dreaded as a dull and wearisome thing, it will be anticipated with liveliest pleasure. The compiler has prepared this Order especially for use in his own family, and in the families of his own congregation, in the hope that it will promote the edification of his own household, and contribute to the more general observance of Family Prayer among the families of his charge. He deems it to be wise for the heads of families in our Church, to rear their children to habits of piety and prayer, in the Church, and by means of the forms of the Church. If other pastors and congregations entertain the same views, and this little book can be made useful beyond the bounds of the compiler's own family and congregation, he will rejoice in the wider sphere of influence which it will thereby obtain, and will ascribe whatever of good may result from it, to the blessing and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whose name be honor and glory, now and forever.

The compiler has translated the largest number of the Prayers in this volume from "Dieffenbach's Haus-Agende," the most complete work of the kind in any language. He has, also, in the main, followed his order of succession of the parts of the service. Many of the Collects he has taken from the "Liturgy for the use of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," published by au-

thority of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. One form of Morning and Evening Prayer he has taken from the Book of Common Prayer. A few Collects are original.

The principal service of family devotion should, perhaps, be held in the morning. The same order may also be observed in the evening, or it may be abbreviated, and only portions of the full service may be used. There are two Introits, and two forms of Confession given; one of which may be used in the morning, and the other in the evening. There are, also, Prayers and Collects specially adapted to evening worship.

It may, perhaps, be objected, that the full service is too long. But, on the contrary, it is believed that, long as it appears, it will be profitable for all families to appropriate, daily, the full time that it may take up. The proverb is true, "Provender and Prayer hinder no man on his journey." Christian families ought to spend more time together in the delightful daily service of God, than they do. But if the circumstances of the family, at any time, should make it necessary to abbreviate the service, it can be done to almost any extent. At one time the Commandments may be omitted. If the time is still more hurried, the Commandments, the Hymn, and the Creed may be omitted. Or, when only a few minutes are at command, the service may simply consist of the Introit, the Prayer and the Benediction. The length of the full service prescribed in this Order, presents, therefore, no difficulty, as such parts only may be used, as occasion will permit. It is very desirable, however, that the whole service should be used as often, and as regularly as possible.

The compiler sends forth this little volume in the earnest hope that it may be instrumental in promoting a more general observance in our families, of the daily worship of God. He commends it to God, and invokes His blessing upon this humble attempt to advance His glory.

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REGISTER OF DAILY SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

- 1st Sunday in Advent, Matt. 21: 1-9. 2d day after Epip., Is. 2: 1-5.
Monday, Genesis 3: 1-24. 3d day after Epip., Is. 42: 1-16.
Tuesday, Genesis 12: 1-3; 23: 1-5. 4th day after Epip., Is. 66: 10-23.
Wednesday, Genesis 28: 10-19. 5th day af. Epi., Zec. 2: 10-11; 8: 20-23.
Thursday, Genesis 49: 8-12.
Friday, 2 Samuel 7: 8-29.
Saturday, Isaiah 7: 10-14; 11: 1-13.
- 2d Sunday in Advent, Luke 21: 25-36. Sunday after Epip., Luke 2: 41-52.
Monday, Luke 21: 5-19. Monday, Matt. 3: 13-17.
Tuesday, Matthew 24: 29-51. Tuesday, John 1: 35-51.
Wednesday, Luke 17: 22-37. Wednesday, Matt. 4: 12-25.
Thursday, 2 Thess. 1: 3-12. Thursday, John 4: 1-42.
Friday, 1 Thess. 5: 1-11. Friday, Matt. 5: 1-12.
Saturday, Mark 13: 1-37. Saturday, John 12: 35-50.
- 3d Sunday in Advent, Matt. 11: 2-15. 2d Sunday after Epip., John 2: 1-11.
Monday, Deut. 18: 15-19. Monday, Luke 5: 27-39.
Tuesday, Jeremiah 33: 14-23. Tuesday, Luke 19: 1-10.
Wednesday, Psalm 110. Wednesday, Luke 10: 38-42.
Thursday, Psalm 72. Thursday, Col. 3: 16; 4: 1.
Friday, Is. 40: 1-11; Mal. 4: 4-6. Friday, Luke 9: 51-58.
Saturday, Luke 1: 5-25; 57-80. Saturday, Matt. 11: 16-24.
- 4th Sunday in Adv't, John 1: 19-28. 3d Sunday after Epip., Matt. 8: 1-13.
Monday, Luke 3: 1-18. Monday, Mark 1: 21-39.
Tuesday, Isaiah 59: 1-21. Tuesday, Matt. 9: 27-38.
Wednesday, Isaiah 55: 1-13. Wednesday, John 5: 1-14.
Thursday, John 3: 25-36. Thursday, John 9: 1-23.
Friday, John 5: 31-47. Friday, John 9: 24-41.
Saturday, Isaiah 52: 1-10. Saturday, Isaiah 49: 1-16.
- Christmas, Luke 2: 1-14. 4th Sunday after Epip. Matt. 8: 23-37.
2d Christmas day, Luke 2: 15-29. Monday, Matt. 14: 22-36.
3d Christmas day, John 1: 1-14. Tuesday, Exodus 14: 1-31.
1st day after Christmas, Titus 3: 3-7. Wednesday, Joshua 3: 1-17.
2d day after Christ., 1 John 4: 1-16. Thursday, Psalm 2.
3d day after Christ., 1 John 3: 1-12. Friday, Isaiah 43: 1-28.
Saturday, Psalm 93.
- Sunday after Christ., Luke 2: 33-40. 5th Sund. after Epip., Matt. 13: 21-30.
New Year's day, Luke 2: 21; Ps. 90. Monday, Jonah 3d and 4th chapters.
1st day after New Year, Gal. 4: 1-7. Tuesday, Genesis 18: 20-33.
2d day after New Year, Rom. 5: 12-21. Wednesday, John 8: 1-11.
3d day after New Year, Phil. 2: 5-11. Thursday, Luke 13: 1-9.
Friday, Matt. 21: 33-46.
Saturday, Matt. 23: 13-32.
- Sund. after New Year, Matt. 2: 13-23. 6th Sunday after Epip., Matt. 17: 1-9.
Epiphany, Jan. 6, Matt. 2: 1-12. Monday, Matt. 26: 63-66.
1st day after Epip., Is. 60: 1-6; or Is. 14. Tues., Matt. 16: 13-17; Rom. 1: 1-7.

Wednesday, 1 John 5: 9-20.
 Thursday, Col. 2: 1-10.
 Friday, John 8: 12-19.
 Saturday, 2 Peter 1: 12-21.

Septuagesima, or 3d Sunday
 before Lent, Matt. 20: 1-16.
 Monday, Exodus 3: 1-17.
 Tuesday, Jeremiah 1: 17-19.
 Wednesday, Luke 9: 1-6; 10: 1-16.
 Thursday, 2 Tim. 1: 6-14.
 Friday, 1 Cor. 3: 6-15.
 Saturday, 1 Cor. 12: 4-11.

Sexagesima, or 2d Sunday before Lent,
 Luke 8: 4-15.
 Monday, 2 Tim. 3: 14-17; 2 Pet. 1: 19-21.
 Tuesday, Is. 55: 10-11; Heb. 4: 12-13.
 Wednesday, Matt. 7: 24-27.
 Thursday, Matt. 23: 34-39.
 Friday, Acts 17: 1-11.
 Saturday, Mark 4: 26-32.

Quinquagesima, or Sunday before
 Lent, Luke 18: 31-43.
 Monday, Isaiah 53.
 Tuesday, Psalm 22.
 Ash-Wednesday, Matt. 26: 1-13.
 Thursday, Leviticus 16: 1-22.
 Friday, Luke 22: 1-6.
 Saturday, Heb. 9: 1-28.

1st Sunday in Lent, Matt. 4: 1-11.
 Monday, Heb. 2: 5-18.
 Tuesday, Heb. 4: 14; 5: 10.
 Wednesday, Heb. 7: 1-10.
 Thursday, Heb. 7: 11-28.
 Friday, John 13: 1-20.
 Saturday, John 13: 21-30.

2d Sunday in Lent, Matt. 15: 21-28.
 Monday, Col. 1: 12-23.
 Tuesday, Eph. 2: 1-18.
 Wednesday, 1 Tim. 2: 1-7.
 Thursday, Eph. 6: 10-17.
 Friday, Matt. 26: 17-29.
 Saturday, Mark 14: 26-31.

3d Sunday in Lent, Luke 11: 14-28.
 Monday, Luke 4: 31-41.
 Tuesday, Luke 8: 26-39.
 Wednesday, Luke 10: 17-22.
 Thursday, Matt. 17: 14-23.
 Friday, Matt. 26: 36-46.
 Saturday, Matt. 26: 47-56.

4th Sunday in Lent, John 6: 1-15.
 Monday, John 6: 23-36.
 Tuesday, John 6: 37-50.
 Wednesday, John 6: 51-58.
 Thursday, John 6: 59-71.

Friday, John 18: 12-24.
 Saturday, Matthew 26: 57-68.

5th Sunday in Lent, John 8: 46-59.
 Monday, John 5: 16-24.
 Tuesday, John 7: 14-30.
 Wednesday, John 10: 17; 31: 39.
 Thursday, John 14: 1-14.
 Friday, Matt. 26: 69-75; 28: 1-10.
 Saturday, Luke 23: 1-12.

6th Sunday in Lent, Matt. 21: 1-9.
 Monday, Matt. 27: 15-26.
 Tuesday, John 19: 1-16.
 Wednesday, John 17: 1-26.
 Thursday, 1 Cor. 11: 23-32.
 Good Friday, Matt. 27: 31-54.
 Saturday, Matt. 27: 57-66.

Easter Sunday, Mark 16: 1-8.
 Monday, Luke 24: 13-35.
 Tuesday, Luke 24: 36-47.
 Wednesday, John 20: 11-18.
 Thursday, Psalm 16.
 Friday, Acts 2: 22-32.
 Saturday, 1 Cor. 15: 1-11.

1st Sund. after Easter, John 20: 19-31.
 Monday, Rom. 14: 7-11.
 Tuesday, Isaiah 45: 18-25.
 Wednesday, Rom. 5: 1-11.
 Thursday, 2 Cor. 5: 14-21.
 Friday, Job 19: 14-27.
 Saturday, 1 Cor. 15: 12-28.

2d Sund. after Easter, John 10: 11-16.
 Monday, Ezekiel 37: 21-28.
 Tuesday, Ezekiel 34: 1-16.
 Wednesday, Psalm 95.
 Thursday, Acts 20: 28-38.
 Friday, Rom. 11: 13-32.
 Saturday, Rev. 21: 1-8.

3d Sund. after Easter, John 16: 16-23.
 Monday, Heb. 12: 1-11.
 Tuesday, 2 Cor. 6: 1-10.
 Wednesday, 1 Peter 1: 3-9.
 Thursday, Rom. 8: 14-25.
 Friday, Isaiah 35: 1-10.
 Saturday, Rom. 8: 26-39.

4th Sund. after Easter, John 16: 5-15.
 Monday, Col. 1: 12-20.
 Tuesday, Heb. 1: 1-14.
 Wednesday, John 14: 15-20.
 Thursday, Ezekiel 36: 22-27.
 Friday, Rom. 8: 1-11.
 Saturday, Gal. 5: 16-25.

5th Sund. after Easter, John 16: 23-30.
 Monday, Luke 11: 1-13.

Tuesday, John 15: 7-16.
 Wednesday, John 17: 1-26.
 Ascension Day, Mark 16: 14-20.
 Friday, 2 Cor. 13: 1-14.
 Saturday, Joel 3: 1-5.

Sun. aft. Ascen. day, John 15: 26; 16: 4-12.
 Monday, John 14: 21-27.
 Tuesday, Luke 12: 1-12.
 Wednesday, 1 Cor. 2: 1-16.
 Thursday, Eph. 1: 13-23.
 Friday, Rom. 8: 12-17.
 Saturday, Acts 1: 1-8.

Whitsunday, Acts 2: 1-13.
 Whitmonday, Acts 10: 42-48.
 Tuesday, Acts 8: 14-17.
 Wednesday, Acts 2: 14-47.
 Thursday, Acts 4: 1-31.
 Friday, Acts 4: 32; 5: 16.
 Saturday, Acts 5: 17-42.

Trinity Sunday, John 3: 1-16.
 Monday, Matt. 28: 16-29.
 Tuesday, 1 John 5: 4-13.
 Wednesday, Titus 3: 3-7.
 Thursday, Mark 10: 13-16.
 Friday, Rom. 6: 3-13.
 Saturday, Col. 3: 1-11.

1st Sund. after Trin., Luke 16: 19-31.
 Monday, 2 Thess. 2: 13-17.
 Tuesday, Deut. 11: 13-23.
 Wednesday, Ezekiel 18: 21-32.
 Thursday, Mark 10: 17-27.
 Friday, 1 John 2: 12-17.
 Saturday, Rev. 14: 6-13.

2d Sund. after Trin., Luke 14: 16-24.
 Monday, Micah 4: 1-7.
 Tuesday, Jeremiah 7: 21-28.
 Wednesday, Acts 13: 38-52.
 Thursday, Luke 13: 22-30.
 Friday, 1 Cor. 1: 18-31.
 Saturday, Acts 8: 26-39.

3d Sund. after Trin., Luke 15: 1-10.
 Monday, Mark 2: 14-17.
 Tuesday, Matt. 11: 25-30.
 Wednesday, Luke 15: 11-32.
 Thursday, Nehemiah 9: 6-35.
 Friday, Hosea 14: 2-20.
 Saturday, Deut. 4: 23-31.

4th Sund. after Trin., Luke 6: 36-42.
 Monday, Psalm 103.
 Tuesday, James 1: 16-37.
 Wednesday, Rom. 14: 1-13.
 Thursday, Rom. 12: 9-21.
 Friday, 2 Cor. 9: 1-15.
 Saturday, Eph. 4: 22-32.

5th Sund. after Trin., Luke 5: 1-11.
 Monday, Matt. 10: 1-42.
 Tuesday, John 21: 15-19.
 Wednesday, Eph. 4: 10-16.
 Thursday, Ezekiel 33: 1-11.
 Friday, Titus 1: 5-11; 1 Thess. 5: 12-13.
 Saturday, 2 Tim. 4: 1-5; Heb. 13: 17.

6th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 5: 20-26.
 Monday, Matt. 5: 13-19.
 Tuesday, Matt. 5: 27-37.
 Wednesday, Matt. 6: 1-8.
 Thursday, Matt. 12: 1-15.
 Friday, Matt. 5: 38-48.
 Saturday, Rom. 7: 12-25.

7th Sund. after Trin., Mark 8: 1-9.
 Monday, James 4: 1-10.
 Tuesday, Gal. 3: 1-14.
 Wednesday, John 7: 37-49.
 Thursday, John 6: 32-47.
 Friday, John 6: 48-58.
 Saturday, John 16: 23-33.

8th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 7: 15-23.
 Monday, 1 John 4: 1-6.
 Tuesday, Luke 6: 43-49.
 Wednesday, James 2: 14-24.
 Thursday, Heb. 13: 1-21.
 Friday, 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.
 Saturday, John 15: 1-10.

9th Sund. after Trin., Luke 16: 1-13.
 Monday, Matt. 6: 19-23.
 Tuesday, Luke 12: 13-21.
 Wednesday, 1 Tim. 6: 6-19.
 Thursday, Matt. 16: 24-28.
 Friday, Matt. 13: 44-53.
 Saturday, Psalm 39.

10th Sund. after Trin., Luke 19: 41-48.
 Monday, Jeremiah 9: 1-26.
 Tuesday, Jeremiah 23: 9-32.
 Wednesday, Lament. of Jer. 1: 1-22.
 Thursday, Rev. 2: 1-7.
 Friday, Daniel 9: 3-19.
 Saturday, Isaiah 54: 1-17.

11th Sund. after Trin., Luke 18: 9-14.
 Monday, Matt. 3: 1-12.
 Tuesday, Matt. 9: 9-13.
 Wednesday, 2 Sam. 24: 10-25.
 Thursday, Ezra 9: 6-15.
 Friday, Lament. of Jer. 3: 22-42.
 Saturday, Jeremiah 18: 7-17.

12th Sund. after Trin., Mark 7: 31-37.
 Monday, Luke 5: 12-26.
 Tuesday, Phil. 1: 1-11.
 Wednesday, Acts 16: 11-15.
 Thursday, Acts 9: 1-22.

Friday, Rom. 10: 13-21.
Saturday, Heb. 3: 7-19.

13th Sund. after Trin., Luke 10: 22-37.

Monday, Acts 16: 16-34.
Tuesday, Gal. 3: 15-22.
Wednesday, Rom. 3: 9-22.
Thursday, Rom. 3: 23-31.
Friday, Gal. 2: 16-21.
Saturday, Rom. 6: 12-23.

14th Sund. after Trin., Luke 17: 11-19.

Monday, Psalm 32.
Tuesday, Luke 1: 46-55.
Wednesday, Eph. 5: 8-20.
Thursday, Phil. 4: 4-7.
Friday, Isaiah 12: 1-6.
Saturday, Psalm 33.

15th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 6: 24-34.

Monday, Rom. 12: 1-16.
Tuesday, 1 Peter 5: 6-11.
Wednesday, Psalm 37.
Thursday, 1 Kings 17: 1-16.
Friday, Acts 12: 1-11.
Saturday, Phil. 3: 7-21.

16th Sund. after Trin., Luke 7: 11-17.

Monday, John 11: 1-27.
Tuesday, John 11: 28-45.
Wednesday, 2 Tim. 2: 1-15.
Thursday, 2 Cor. 1: 1-11.
Friday, 2 Cor. 4: 8-18.
Saturday, Phil. 1: 21-30.

17th Sund. after Trin., Luke 14: 1-11.

Monday, Jeremiah 17: 19-27.
Tuesday, Luke 4: 14-30.
Wednesday, Luke 13: 10-17.
Thursday, Heb. 4: 1-11.
Friday, Matt. 18: 1-6.
Saturday, Gal. 5: 25; 6: 5.

18th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 22: 34-46.

Monday, Deut. 6: 1-15.
Tuesday, 1 John 4: 16-21.
Wednesday, Rom. 13: 8-14.
Thursday, Luke 17: 7-10.
Friday, Rom. 10: 1-13.
Saturday, Gal. 5: 1-15.

19th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 9: 1-8.

Monday, Luke 7: 36-50.
Tuesday, 1 John 1: 5-10.
Wednesday, 1 John 2: 1-12.
Thursday, John 13: 1-15.
Friday, 1 Peter 2: 21-25.
Saturday, Matt. 18: 12-18.

20th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 22: 1-14.

Monday, Matt. 7: 12-29.

Tuesday, Phil. 2: 12-18.

Wednesday, 1 Cor. 10: 1-13.

Thursday, 2 Peter 1: 1-11.

Friday, Revelation 3: 14-22.

Saturday, 1 Peter 2: 1-10.

21st Sund. after Trin., John 4: 47-54.

Monday, Genesis 32: 24-31.
Tuesday, Matt. 26: 36-44.
Wednesday, Exodus 17: 8-16.
Thursday, Mark 7: 24-30.
Friday, James 5: 13-18.
Saturday, Luke 18: 1-8.

22d Sund. after Trin., Matt. 18: 23-35.

Monday, Matt. 12: 33-37.
Tuesday, 1 Peter 4: 1-11.
Wednesday, 1 Peter 1: 13-25.
Thursday, Matt. 7: 1-5.
Friday, Eph. 4: 20; 5: 2.
Saturday, Col. 3: 12-17.

23d Sund. after Trin., Matt. 22: 15-22.

Monday, Rom. 13: 1-7.
Tuesday, Deut. 17: 8-20.
Wednesday, 1 Peter 5: 1-5.
Thursday, Eph. 5: 22-33.
Friday, Eph. 6: 1-9.
Saturday, 1 Peter 2: 11-20.

24th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 9: 18-26.

Monday, 2 Cor. 5: 1-10.
Tuesday, 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.
Wednesday, 1 Cor. 15: 35-49.
Thursday, 1 Cor. 15: 50-58.
Friday, Luke 20: 27-40.
Saturday, Ezekiel 37: 1-14.

25th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 24: 15-28.

Monday, Matt. 24: 1-14.
Tuesday, 1 John 2: 18-28.
Wednesday, 2 Tim. 3: 1-13.
Thursday, 2 Thess. 2: 1-12.
Friday, Luke 12: 35-46.
Saturday, Rev. 3: 7-13.

26th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 25: 31-46.

Monday, Matt. 25: 14-30.
Tuesday, Matt. 13: 47-50.
Wednesday, Heb. 10: 19-31.
Thursday, 2 Peter 2: 1-11.
Friday, John 5: 24-30.
Saturday, 2 Peter 3: 3-14.

27th Sund. after Trin., Matt. 25: 1-13.

Monday, Revelation 14.
Tuesday, Revelation 18.
Wednesday, Revelation 19.
Thursday, Revelation 20.
Friday, Revelation 21.
Saturday, Revelation 22.

AN ORDER

OF

FAMILY PRAYER.

¶ The family, neatly attired, shall assemble at a suitable hour in the parlor, or other convenient room. When all are present, and quietly seated, the father, or whoever shall officiate in his stead, shall begin the service by repeating the first sentence, and the family responding in unison, their proper parts, of the following :

I. Introit.

Father. Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

Family. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God: for unto Thee will I pray.

Father. My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord.

Family. In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

Father. For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness.

Family. Neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

Father. Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me: my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

Family. I cried unto God with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.

Father. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Family. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

¶ Or this:

Father. O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

Family. Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Father. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

Family. And make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms.

Father. For the Lord is a great God.

Family. And a great King above all gods.

Father. In His hands are the deep places of the earth.

Family. The strength of the hills is His also.

Father. The sea is His, and He made it.

Family. His hands formed the dry land.

Father. O come, let us worship and bow down.

Family. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Father. For He is our God.

Family. And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

¶ Then all shall say :

II. The Ten Commandments.

Father. God spake all these words, saying :

Father and Family. 1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands

of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

3. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

4. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

5. Thou shalt not kill.

6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7. Thou shalt not steal.

8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Father. Let us hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Father and Family. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Father. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Family. And write all these Thy laws in our hearts.

¶ Then shall the Father say, Let us pray: and all reverently kneeling, * shall say after the Father, the following:

III. Confession.

O almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator and Judge of all men, we humbly acknowledge and confess to Thee, that we, having been conceived and born in sin, and therefore being by nature greatly ignorant of Thy word, and indisposed toward Thy will, do continually transgress Thy holy commandments, in thought, word, and deed, and have thereby provoked Thy just wrath and displeasure against us. For these things we mourn with hearty sorrow and repentance; and we earnestly seek and implore Thy grace. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, O most gracious and merciful God and Father, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us all our sins, and evermore grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may awaken and preserve in us the right knowledge of Thy

* Let the act of kneeling be performed softly, and without noise, and consist simply of a forward bending of the head and body, or a gentle sinking down upon the knees by the side of the seat.

will, sincere repentance for sin, true faith in Thy Son, and the desire of new obedience, so that we may henceforth serve and please Thee in righteousness and true holiness, and in the end, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

¶ Or this:

O almighty God, and most merciful Father, we poor miserable sinners confess to Thee with hearty sorrow and repentance, all our sins and transgressions by which we have offended Thee, and deserved Thy temporal and everlasting punishments; and we humbly beseech Thee to be gracious unto us poor sinners, on account of Thy infinite mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, and bitter sufferings and death of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

¶ Whilst all are still kneeling they shall say:

IV. The Kyrie.

Father. O Lord God, the Father in heaven,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O God the Holy Ghost,

Family. Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

¶ And, still kneeling, they shall call to mind the divine promise of

V. The Absolution.

Father. O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst shed Thy blood for the remission of sins, and hast declared by Thy Holy Apostle that if we confess our sins Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, we thank Thee for Thy great mercy; and in humble faith, and to our soul's most precious comfort and peace, we trust in Thy gracious promise that our sins and iniquities Thou wilt remember no more.

Family. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

¶ Then, still kneeling, they shall say:

VI. The Gloria.

Father. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Family. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Father and Family. Amen.

¶ Then, all rising, and becoming again quietly seated, they shall join in singing,

VII. The Hymn.

(See Collection of Hymns at the end of this book.)

¶ The hymn being ended, and each member of the family having a copy of the Word of God, they shall read—the Father saying one verse, and the Family saying in unison, the next, and so on alternately, until finished,

VIII. The Bible Lesson.

(See Register of daily Scripture readings at the beginning of this book. If the father prefers he may substitute any other suitable lesson for the one assigned to the day.)

¶ The lesson being ended, all shall say in unison,

IX. The Creed.

Father and Family. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.—*Amen.*

X. The Prayer.

¶ The Creed being ended, the Father shall say: Let us pray: and all devoutly kneeling, one of the Prayers of this collection shall be said. (See Prayers beginning at page 23 in this book). If the Prayer selected is thought to be too short, several short ones may be used. The Father shall be careful, however, not to use at any one time, so many as to weary the family. Let the Prayer be rather too short, than too long. The Father should select the Prayer before the service begins; and if he uses one of those arranged for Responses by the Family,

he should name to them beforehand, the one to be said; so that they may have the book open at the place, and avoid confusion. When the Litany, or one of the other forms arranged for Responses is used, the Father shall utter the parts assigned to him, and the Family shall respond by saying the parts designated for them. When several of the other short Prayers are used, the Father shall utter the Prayer, and the Family shall say the Amen. Only at the close of the Prayer, when he desires that the Family shall rise, shall the Father say the Amen with the Family. When the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction succeed the Prayer, the Father shall not say the Amen, until at the end of the Benediction.

¶ Then all shall say together, still kneeling:

XI. The Lord's Prayer.

Father and Family.—Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ The Father shall then, in conclusion of the service, and whilst all are still kneeling, pronounce,

XII. The Benediction.

Father. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Father and Family.—Amen.

Or this:

Father. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Father and Family.—Amen.

P R A Y E R S .

Luther's Morning Prayer.

We thank Thee, O our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy well beloved Son, that Thou hast preserved us during the past night, from all harm and danger. We pray Thee, defend us this day also, from sin and all evil, and grant that all our ways may be well pleasing in Thy sight. For into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all things. Give Thy holy angels charge concerning us, that the adversary may have no power over us. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer.

Dear Father in heaven, who hast graciously preserved us during the past night, we most heartily thank Thee for this great mercy, and we pray Thee, grant that during this day our bodies and souls, property and

character, and every thing that belongs to us, may also be under Thy guardian care and protection. Bless, we beseech Thee, the work of our hands in our several callings and stations in life, and give us Thy good Spirit to instruct, and comfort, and strengthen us, under whatever adversities Thou mayest see fit to send us. Keep us in true faith, and in sincere love toward Thee, and toward our neighbor, and help us at all times to lead Christian lives in obedience to Thy will. And may Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Litany.

Father. Lord have mercy upon us.

Family. Christ have mercy upon us.

Father. Lord have mercy upon us.

Family. O Christ hear us.

Father. O God, the Father in Heaven,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O God, the Holy Ghost,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. Be gracious unto us.

Family. Spare us, good Lord.

Father. Be gracious unto us.

Family. Help us, good Lord.

Father. From all sin, from all error, from all evil,

Family. Good Lord, deliver us.

Father. From the crafts and assaults of the devil, from sudden death, from pestilence and famine, from war and bloodshed, from sedition and rebellion, from storms and tempests, and from everlasting death,

Family. Good Lord, deliver us.

Father. By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy holy nativity; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thy cross and passion; by Thy death and burial; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Family. Good Lord, deliver us.

Father. In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Family. Good Lord, deliver us.

Father. We, poor sinners, do beseech Thee,

Family. To hear us, O Lord God.

Father. And that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy church universal in the right way; to preserve all pastors, ministers, and servants of the same, in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy word, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth accordingly; to bring to an end all schisms and causes of offence; to restore such as have erred and are deceived; and to beat down Satan under our feet;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to accompany Thy word with Thy Spirit and grace; to strengthen such as do stand; to raise up them that fall; and to help and comfort the weak-hearted, and the distressed;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to give to all nations peace and concord; to endue our

rulers with grace, wisdom, and understanding to execute justice and to maintain the truth; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to give us continual victory over our enemies; and to help all our people to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to succor, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve all that travel by land or by water; all women in the perils of child-birth, all sick persons and young children, and to show Thy pity on all prisoners and captives;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed, and to have mercy upon all men;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to for-

give our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,
and to turn their hearts;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us,
good Lord.

Father. That it may please Thee to give
and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of
the earth, and graciously to hear our prayers;

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us,
good Lord.

Father. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us.

Father. O Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Lamb of God, who. takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Grant us Thy peace.

Father. O Christ, hear us. Lord, have
mercy upon us.

Family. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Father. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Family. Amen.

Prayer for the Family.

Father. O Lord, Thou art our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, art Thou God,

Family. From everlasting to everlasting.

Father. I lift up mine eyes to the hills,

Family. From whence cometh my help.

Father. My help cometh from the Lord,

Family. Which made heaven and earth.

Father. Yea, Thou Holy and Almighty God, from Thee cometh all help, and grace, and blessing, therefore we fly to Thee, and pray Thee grant us Thy help, and graciously take our family into Thy care and protection,

Family. Now, henceforth, and forever.

Father. From the crafts of the devil, from false doctrine and unbelief, from levity and indolence, from discord and contention, from unhappy sudden death, and from everlasting damnation,

Family. Good Lord, deliver us.

Father. From all calamity by fire and water; from sickness and famine; from all danger and harm of body and soul,

Family. Preserve us, O Lord God.

Father. Let Thy blessing rest upon this house, and upon our church and schools, upon our pastor and church council, upon our teachers and youth, upon our rulers, and upon all who dwell in this community.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. Bless me, in particular, whom Thou hast set as the father and head of this family; be with the beloved mother, and our dear children; be gracious unto all our friends and relations, far and near; be with those that serve us; and bless all who go in and out among us.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. O Thou God of peace, grant unto us Thy sacred peace; give us comfort in all trouble, and Thy help in every time of need; take up Thy abode with us; and rule us all according to Thy good pleasure.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. Bless the labor of our hands; graciously grant us our daily bread; and give us always contented minds.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. We commit ourselves into Thy hands; preserve and guide us according to Thy mercy; and finally grant that we may die in faith, and be admitted, through grace, to Thy everlasting salvation.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. O God the Father, bless us,

Family. And keep us evermore.

Father. O Lord Jesus Christ, make Thy face to shine upon us,

Family. And be gracious unto us.

Father. O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, lift Thy countenance upon us,

Family. And give us Thy peace.

All. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O Jesus Christ, our crucified Lord and Saviour, we poor, miserable sinners have risen this morning in Thy name, Who, by Thy bitter sufferings and death on the cross, didst become a sin-offering for us, and didst redeem

us from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil by Thy precious blood; we pray Thee, reign in our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit; refresh us with the dew of Thy grace, keep us, this day, in Thy love; and hide us, with our bodies and souls, in Thy sacred wounds. Wash us thoroughly from our sins; keep us in all good works; and conduct us safely through this vale of tears, into Thy everlasting joy and felicity, through Thee, who art our only comfort and hope in life and in death, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercession for the Family.

Father. O Lord, give ear unto my words; consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry. my King, and my God, for unto Thee will I pray.

Family. Be gracious unto us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and hear our prayer.

Father. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens.

Family. And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Father. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God, therefore the children of

men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. Oh, continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee.

Family. And Thy righteousness unto the upright in heart.

Father. Yea, Lord, we beseech Thee to rule, in goodness and mercy, over Thy saints whom Thōu lovest; and let Thy grace and blessing rest upon Thy whole Christian Church; and in particular upon the congregation to which Thou hast appointed us.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Take into Thy faithful protection, our beloved pastor, who cares for our souls; bless our schools and teachers; the general government, and all who are in authority over us; and graciously watch over all the families of this community.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Merciful and faithful Lord God, extend Thy protecting hand, in particular, over this house, and all who dwell in it, and over all who come in, and go out among us—parents and children, friends and relations, master, mistress, and servants.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. O Lord God, my heavenly Father, Thou hast appointed me to be the father and priest over this house, therefore I pray Thee for all whom Thou hast entrusted to me—for my dear wife and children, and for all who dwell in my house. Oh grant them Thy grace, and let Thy rich blessing rest upon them forever.

Family. Amen. Yea, Lord, bless us, and above all, grant Thy grace to our dear father, whom Thou hast given us, and let Thy blessing always abide upon him.

Father. And upon you all, forever and ever.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Holy and merciful God, bless each one of us in his state and calling, and graciously bestow Thy favor upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Also, be merciful unto our enemies, and turn their hearts, and grant unto

us forgiving minds, that as much as lieth in us, we may live peaceably with all men.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Pour out Thy rich blessing upon all for whom our prayers are desired; keep them from all harm and danger that may threaten their bodies or souls; endue them with grace; and crown their lives with goodness.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. (In particular, O merciful God, we pray Thee for our dear N. N., who, &c. *)

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. To Thy almighty protection, O God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we commend ourselves, and all that we are and have, both now and forever. Keep us, O Lord, and incline Thine ear unto our prayer; and give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may daily come before the throne of Thy grace,

* Here offer special petitions for any particular relative or friend, for whom prayers are desired.

and, by Him, offer to Thee our prayers for one another.

Family. Be gracious unto us, and hear us, good Lord.

Father. Thou, O God, hearest prayer,

Family. And unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Father. Therefore, graciously hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and let this, our offering of prayer, be acceptable to Thee.

Father and Family. Hear us, O Lord, hear us, and be gracious unto us, and merciful, now, henceforth, and forever. *Amen.*

General Prayer.

Father. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Family. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Father. O Thou eternal, all powerful, and glorious God, great is Thy grace, boundless Thy love, unfathomable Thy mercy. We bless Thee, that Thou hast graciously preserved to us our life and health until this day. We adore and praise

Thee, that Thou hast sent Thy dear Son to be our Saviour, and that He has redeemed us with His most precious blood. We praise Thee, that Thou hast established Thy church among us, wherein we may receive, as from the wells of salvation, forgiveness of sins, comfort, and peace, through Thy sacred word, and Thy blessed sacraments. We give Thee most hearty thanks, for all the blessings contained in the earthly comforts which Thou hast bestowed upon us, of which we humbly confess ourselves wholly unworthy. Graciously continue to be merciful unto us, and deliver us from all evil in time to come. Preserve us especially from the great enemy of our souls, and let him not have power over us. Keep us from every form of false doctrine, and unbelief, from hypocrisy and pride, and may no covetousness, envy, ill-will, malice, or other sins, dwell in our hearts. Preserve us, and all men, from the calamities of famine and pestilence, of war and bloodshed, and from the ravages of fire and water. Defend this our family, who are here assembled before Thee, and all who are connected with us,

from all the perils and distresses that afflict us in this mortal life, and may we always be under Thy fatherly care and keeping.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. O Thou source of all good, and giver of every perfect gift, who hast commanded us to pray, and hast promised to hear us, may we receive from Thy gracious hand, every blessing which we need for this life, and for that which is to come. In particular, we pray Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, grant us all believing, humble, and pious hearts and minds; extend Thy kingdom among us; pour Thy Holy Spirit upon us; and enlighten us more and more, that we may know more of the plague of our hearts, and find our hope and refuge in Thee. Send Thy sacred peace to dwell in our families, and to reign over our land; and grant Thy blessing to our several callings and to the lawful works of our hands. Give the aid of Thy Holy Spirit to all heads of families, that they may rule their households well; grant to all children an obedient disposition, and to all servants honesty and

due reverence. Grant us support in all times of trouble, patience in suffering, and a blessed hope of heaven in the last hour. Be pleased, according to Thy gracious will, and superior knowledge of our wants, to bestow upon us all other good things which we need.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. O Thou almighty Lord, who art three persons in one God, we humbly beseech Thee, keep Thy holy church, throughout the world, in the true faith, and in fervent love to Thy pure word; and increase the number of Thy believing children here, and in all the ends of the earth. Have mercy upon the poor heathen, and may He who is the bright and morning star, arise and shine upon them, with the light and healing of His holy Gospel. Bestow Thy Holy Spirit, and Thy heavenly benediction, upon all the ministers, pastors, and officers of Thy holy Church, and help them to discharge their responsible duties well, and to the edification of Thy people. Bless our schools, and grant wisdom and success to

those who are appointed as instructors in them. Be with all rulers, governors, and all others in authority over the nations of the earth; and grant that they may rule in the spirit of the Gospel, and with due reverence for Thy holy will, so that Thy great name may be glorified, and the piety, virtue, and happiness of the people may be promoted. We pray Thee, especially for the rulers of our State and Nation, and implore for them, the constant guidance of Thy heavenly grace. Bless the domestic relation everywhere; and give to all families, peace and harmony, heartfelt love, and sincere friendship. May all men receive such a proportion of earthly goods, as may be necessary for their comfort in this life; and grant them sober and contented minds. Take all our dear relations and friends under Thy fatherly care, and stretch Thy protecting hand over all, whether far or near, who are in any danger or distress. (*We pray Thee in particular for ———*). Have mercy upon all who are sick and afflicted; upon all widows and orphans; upon all who are bereaved and oppressed; comfort and

support the dying, and, after this life, receive them and us, into Thy glorious and everlasting Kingdom in heaven. Hear us, O triune God, for the sake of the honor of Thy holy name, and of the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us.

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, and be merciful to us, good Lord. *Amen.*

General Intercession.

O Lord God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who hast commanded us, in Thy holy word, to pray one for another, therefore, we have taken upon us to speak unto Thee, and to offer to Thee the earnest desires of our hearts. Thou wilt not despise our prayers, but wilt graciously hear and answer them.

O, our God and Saviour, we pray for Thy holy church, and beseech Thee to preserve, protect, guide, and rule over it. Grant to it, at all times, faithful pastors and teachers. Anoint them with the Holy Ghost, and bless their labors. Save Thy church from all its enemies; suppress all false doctrines; preserve Thy congregations from offences and

schism; and let the glory of Thy holy name be spread abroad throughout the world. Enlighten the ignorant; convert the ungodly; chasten the scorner; forgive the penitent; and have compassion upon us, poor, miserable sinners. Have mercy upon the benighted heathen, and bless the messengers of peace whom Thou hast sent unto them, that much people may be won to Thee, and Thy name may be glorified here, and in all the ends of the earth. Grant Thy favor unto all Christian schools; bless the teachers that preside in them, and the dear youth that attend them, and may the rising generation be reared in the fear of God, and in true faith. Take under Thy gracious protection all institutions that are designed to build up Thy kingdom, and extend the Gospel of Thy dear Son, and endue with Thy Holy Spirit, all who labor in them. Protect, at the same time, O, Almighty God, our government and commonwealth, and grant to all rulers and magistrates the piety of David, and the wisdom of Solomon. May they faithfully care for the church, the welfare of our country, and the happiness of all over whom they

rule; and wilt Thou richly bless the work of their hands. In particular, do we commend to Thy gracious protection, the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all others in authority over us. Implant thoughts of peace in the hearts of all warriors; may the nobles of the earth inquire after Thee; suggest wholesome counsels to the minds of all statesmen; may our judges decree righteous judgments; and grant to all officers of justice sentiments of mercy, so that everywhere among us the evil may be punished, and the good rewarded; vice may be restrained, and virtue cherished and promoted. Be with all the people of this land, and grant that they may love the government, duly honor all who are in authority, and have respect to the laws by which they are governed. Bless each one in his position and calling; rule graciously over our whole country, and especially in our immediate community. Bless all the households of our land, and grant that the heads thereof may live together in peace, have success in their efforts for the comfortable support of their families, and

enjoy much satisfaction from the kind offices, and well-being of their children. Endow their children with the spirit of filial love, reverence, humility, and obedience; and may the richest blessings of their parents descend upon them, and the fond parental hopes concerning them, be fulfilled in their future lives. Provide good domestics for all masters and mistresses of families, and inspire all who are thus employed, with cordial love and obedience, truth and fidelity; and at the same time, may those whom they serve, be considerate and kind, neither imposing severe burdens, nor requiring ungenerously the services which they render. We commend all sorts and conditions of men to Thy fatherly care and protection, and pray Thee to bestow upon them all that they need. Especially we pray Thee, have mercy upon the poor and distressed; comfort all that mourn and are in trouble; have compassion upon the sick; convert all who are imprisoned for their crimes; and deliver all who are innocently confined. Bear up the aged; gently guide the footsteps of little children; care for all

widows and orphans; and strengthen and console the dying. Bless all our enemies, and convert them into friends. Be gracious to all who desire to be remembered by us in our prayers, for they and their necessities are well known to Thee. (*In particular we pray Thee in behalf of ———*). Finally, we would yet commend to Thy gracious care and keeping, all our relations and friends, who may be near at hand, or far away; preserve them, dear Lord, from all evil; grant them all the good they need; and reign in them, and over them, by Thy Holy Spirit. Be with them and us, now and always; and, finally, when the hour of death shall come, receive us all to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercession.

Father. O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who hearest prayer, and to whom, therefore, all flesh shall come, trusting in Thy word and promise, in which Thou hast graciously said, Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto

you, we presume to come before Thee with our prayer. We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, mercifully to preserve us from the craft and temptation of the devil, from sin and apostasy, from false doctrine and unbelief, and to defend us by Thy holy angels, from all dangers that threaten our bodies or souls, our property or character. O Lord God, our heavenly Father, into Thy hands we commit ourselves for safe and holy keeping. O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of the Father, we hope in Thy mercy. O Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, grant us Thy peace.

Family. Amen.

Father. O holy and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray Thee; as Thou hast given us life and being, Thou wilt also be gracious unto us, and so guide us by Thy almighty hand, that in all things we may glorify Thy holy name. Dearest Lord Jesus, who hast redeemed us by Thy most precious blood, we pray Thee: as Thou hast received us in the holy sacrament of baptism, Thou wilt also keep us by Thy grace, that we may not fall away from Thee, but

remain Thine forever. And Thou, God the Holy Ghost, who hast graciously called us by the Gospel, and hast gathered us into Thy holy Church, as heirs of Thy heavenly Kingdom, we pray Thee : increase our faith ; enlighten our minds, and the minds of all Christians ; give us comfort and peace in all the conflicts and trials with which we meet ; make us perfect in holiness ; shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, and lead us safely through all the journey of life, to our everlasting rest in heaven.

Family. Amen.

Father. O holy, triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who dost rule over us, Thy favored children, with Almighty power, and dost freely give us all things, we pray Thee, graciously preserve and bless Thy holy Church on the earth ; spread abroad Thy blessed word among men ; and grant that it may prove itself the power of God to the salvation of many souls. And, to this end, wilt Thou be pleased so to guide and bless the labors of Thy servants whom Thou hast ordained to preach the everlasting Gospel, here, and in all the ends of the earth, that they

may faithfully fulfil their office to the praise and glory of Thy great name, and for the good of all mankind. O thou King of kings, and Lord of lords, graciously ordain for us at all times—Christian rulers—who shall govern the nation in the fear of the Lord; and wilt Thou so replenish them and all Thy people, with Thy grace, that we may lead a peaceable and quiet life, in all godliness and honesty? O Thou God of peace, give us peace throughout all our land, in the community where we dwell, in all our families, and in all our hearts; graciously defend us from bloody wars, from sectional divisions, and local strifes; and from all domestic contentions, and individual conflicts of interest or passion. Bless each one of us in his particular station and calling, and mercifully rule over our family, and in the hearts of all who dwell with us, and who go in and out among us. Bless the labors of our hands, and give us day by day our daily bread. May we experience Thy precious consolations in all times of trouble, grant us Thy rich supports in all our trials, and when temptations assail us, effect for us a gracious deliverance. (*We*

pray Thee especially in behalf of——). Keep us this day, and at all times, ready for our final hour, and for the glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and may we keep the faith, and finish our course with joy, that we may be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at His appearing. Hear us, good Lord, hear us, good Lord, we beseech Thee, for the sake of the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us.

Father and Family. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

Father. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Family. And His mercy endureth forever.

Father. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God.

Family. For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

Father. We thank Thee, and praise Thee, and magnify Thy goodness and Thy faithfulness, Thy grace, and Thy mercy, O Lord our God, forever and ever.

Family. Hallelujah.

Father. We thank Thee, O God the Father, that Thou hast created us, and hast endowed us with manifold gifts. Blessed be Thy holy name.

Family. Now, henceforth, and forever.

Father. We thank Thee, O God the Son, dearest Lord Jesus, because Thou hast redeemed us with Thy most precious blood. Blessed be Thy dear name.

Family. Now, henceforth, and forever.

Father. We thank Thee, O God the Holy Ghost, who hast called us into the Kingdom of grace, hast enlightened us by Thy gifts, and hast guided us in the way of holiness. Blessed be Thy holy name.

Family. Now, henceforth, and forever.

Father. Holy Lord God Almighty, Father Son, and Holy Ghost, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for all Thy grace, and favor, and blessing, which Thou hast vouchsafed to us, both for the body and the soul. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, for Thou art good.

Family. And Thy mercy endureth forever.

Father. Holy Lord God, for Thy Holy

Church into which Thou hast called us; for Thy sacred Word and Gospel; for the holy sacrament of Baptism; and the gift of the most precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; for Thy heavenly peace; and for all our spiritual blessings, we bring Thee praise, and honor, and glory, and thanksgiving, for Thou art good.

Family. And Thy mercy endureth forever.

Father. O Lord God, who art the mighty God, and the Lord of all lords; for our Christian government and wholesome laws; for temporal peace and tranquillity; for preservation from all national distress and danger, we bless, and praise, and thank Thee, for Thou art good.

Family. And Thy mercy endureth forever.

Father. Gracious and merciful God, for the care and keeping of Thy holy angels; for the kind protection of our house and family; for all the rich blessings which Thou hast poured out upon us; and for Thy consolation in all times of trouble and sorrow, we give Thee our thanks and humble praises, for Thou art good.

Family. And Thy mercy endureth forever.

Father. O glorious and mighty God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, the eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing: for the daily bread which Thou givest us, we thank and praise Thy loving-kindness, and Thy mercy, for Thou art good.

Family. And Thy mercy endureth forever.

Father. Holy Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, how shall we duly thank Thee for all Thy goodness and mercy shown to us. O let the present thank-offering of our lips be acceptable to Thee, and be pleased graciously to regard our prayers, as Thou didst have respect unto the sacrifice of Abel. Accept the imperfect praises which we here offer to Thee, until we shall worthily thank Thee before Thy throne in heaven.

Family. Forever and ever, Hallelujah.

Father. Let all the world be joyful in the Lord; praise Him all ye nations; praise Him all ye people; praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness; praise Him with the sound of the

trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord.

All. Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer.

Father. Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; we, Thy needy creatures, render Thee our humble praises, for Thy preservation of us, from the beginning of our lives to this day; and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it, that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious name, humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for His sake, who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Family. Amen.

Father. And since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us, that as we grow in age we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family. Amen.

Father. But, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations with which we daily meet, we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee.

And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the

works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by Him whom Thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family. Amen.

Father. In particular, we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable, full of compassion, and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient for us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Father and Family. Amen.

A Litany for the Dying.

Father. O Lord,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Christ,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Lord

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O God the Father in heaven,

Family. Have mercy upon us, and upon this dear sick child of Thine.

Father. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon us, and upon this soul whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy blood.

Father. O God the Holy Ghost,

Family. Have mercy upon us, and upon this weak and dying Christian.

Father. O everlasting God, holy and blessed Trinity,

Family. Be with him (or her) in his (or her) last agony.

Father. Be gracious unto him (or her.)

Family. Spare him (or her) good Lord.

Father. Be gracious unto him (or her.)

Family. Save this poor soul, O Lord God.

Father. From the power and temptation of the devil ; from anguish of body and mind ; from all danger and necessity ; and from everlasting death,

Family. Good Lord, deliver him (or her.)

Father. By Thy holy incarnation ; by Thy agony and bloody sweat ; by Thy cross and passion ; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension,

Family. Help him (or her) good Lord.

Father. We poor sinners do beseech Thee,

Family. To hear us, O Lord God.

Father. And that it may please Thee to give him (or her) the remission of all his (or her) sins ; to grant him (or her) Thy merciful help ; to keep him (or her) in true faith in Thy word to the end ; to relieve his (or her) sufferings ; to strengthen him (or her) against all the assaults of the devil ; to shorten the agonies of death ; and graciously to grant him (or her) everlasting life,

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Father. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Family. We beseech Thee to hear us.

Father. O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon him (or her.)

Father. O Lamb of God that takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Have mercy upon him (or her.)

Father. O Lamb of God that takest away
the sins of the world,

Family. Grant him (or her) Thy peace,
evermore.

Father. O Christ,

Family. Hear us.

Father. O Lord,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Christ,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father. O Lord,

Family. Have mercy upon us.

Father and Family. Amen.

Advent, Collects, and Prayers.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we
thank Thee that Thou didst graciously give
to our fathers the promise of a Saviour, and
didst, in the fulness of time, send Thy dear

Son in the flesh, that as our righteous King, He might deliver us from the kingdom of darkness; and as our gracious Redeemer, He might bestow upon us salvation and eternal life. We pray Thee: enlighten us by His knowledge, and strengthen us by true Christian faith in Him, that, as our King and Saviour, we may heartily submit ourselves to Him, and receive, serve, revere, and rejoice in Him all our days. Grant that He may always dwell among us, and in us, and that we may ever remain faithful subjects of His Kingdom, and serve Him with pious fidelity during all our lives. Incline the hearts and minds of all princes, and rulers, and all others in authority, to open to the King of kings, and Lord of lords, the gates of their palaces, and the doors of their kingdoms. May He enter their countries, their cities, and their churches; and, taking up His abode therein, may He reign and govern by His holy Word, and the blessed Spirit of truth. Restrain the efforts of all in authority, who close the doors of their kingdoms against Christ and His Gospel; who refuse His admission into their dominions, or who banish Him from them; but

who, on the contrary, open wide their gates to antichrist, to false doctrines, and to grievous fanaticism. Graciously confound their malignant devices, and bring to nought all their evil intentions. Reveal Thy power and Thy mercy in behalf of all distressed souls, who are held in the bonds of superstition and idolatry, or who suffer the wretchedness of unbelief, or who are led captive by false doctrines, and ungodly living. May Christ come to them in the power of His Holy Spirit, and set up His kingdom of light, and truth, and righteousness in their hearts. And mayest Thou, O everlasting Father, together with Thy eternal Son, and the Holy Ghost, be every where honored, and adored, to the glory of Thy great name, who livest and reignest forever and ever. *Amen.*

O our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who hast been appointed of the Father, judge of the living and the dead; we humbly pray Thee, so to rule in us, and over us, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may stand in daily

readiness for Thy second glorious coming. Infuse into our souls a godly nature, and help us to order our lives with a holy conversation, that when Thou comest to judge the world in righteousness, we may greet Thee with joy, and not with grief. Make no tarrying, O Lord, but let Thy glorious appearing, with Thy elect angels, be nigh at hand, and, placing the sheep of Thy flock at Thy right hand, grant them to hear the joyful sentence: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. We wait for Thy coming; and with all Thy saints and blessed angels, we continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, the heavens, and the earth, are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the Son of Mary, who cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we give thanks unto Thee, that, for the consolation of us poor sinners, Thou hast ordained, and

sent Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be a King and Saviour, that He might redeem His people from their sins, and save them from everlasting death; and we pray Thee, so enlighten, rule, and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily receive Him as our King and Saviour, cleave to Him alone, and, by steadfast confidence in Him, obtain everlasting life, through the same, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee raise up unto Thy church faithful ministers of Thy Divine Word; and grant that those whom Thou hast appointed to be stewards of Thy mysteries may, like him, make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. And, we beseech Thee, excite within us all, a sincere desire for Thy salvation, that we may, with willing hearts, receive and treasure up Thy

saving Word, and thus, when Thou shalt come again to judge the world, may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, who hast appointed Thy dear Son, our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to be the Judge of the living and the dead, and hast put all things under His feet, we beseech Thee, to awaken in us, and in Thy whole Christian Church on earth, by the power of the Holy Ghost, a holy fear, and true readiness for the last great day of judgment. Help us to strive with great earnestness to be saved. Remind us every day of the solemn nature of the judgment, that we may not sleep as do the children of darkness, but be wakeful and sober as the children of light. Send us Thy Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Prayer, that by His influence we may always watch and pray, and be found faithful servants when the Master of the house shall come at an hour when we think not. As Thou hast

taught us in Thy Holy Word, that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, and as a snare upon all them who live securely in the world, therefore, we beseech Thee; grant us Thy aid that we may heed well the signs of the future coming of the Son of Man. Grant to all kings and princes of the earth, and to all who are in authority every where, Thy guidance and grace, that they may govern Thy people according to Thy word, and at all times keep well in mind the great day of final reckoning. Set faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion, who are able to discern the fearful signs of the present times; who are earnest men, and strong in prayer, and who will faithfully warn in Thy name, the souls committed to their care, so that none may be lost. Grant to all Thy people, far and near, attentive ears, and willing hearts, that they may give due heed to the voice and warning of Thy faithful watchmen, the ministers of Thy Word. Prepare us all fully, for Thy coming, by a true and living faith, and graciously hold us in Thy hand that we may be safe from falling. And then, O Lord, when the last

day shall break upon the world, and men's hearts fail them for fear, on account of the terrors that prevail around them, when the powers of heaven shall be shaken, and on the earth shall be distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, then come to our help with Thy powerful deliverance, that we, the saints whom Thou hast loved and purchased with Thy blood, may lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh. O Lord, Thou Almighty, gracious, and merciful God, suffer us not to sink down into eternal death, but raise us up, together with all Thy people, to everlasting life, that we may inherit the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for us, and promised to us, for the sake, and through the blood, of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Christmas Prayers and Collects.

Father. O Lord Jesus, Thou most precious Saviour, we thank Thee that Thou didst condescend to take upon Thyself flesh and blood, in order to redeem us from our sins.

O dearest Lord, Son of God, and Son of Mary, come to us daily, and dwell in our hearts by Thy grace, and spread abroad therein, Thy sacred peace. O Thou holy child Jesus, sanctify us and our children, and make us all children of God by Thy holy incarnation, and by Thy bitter sufferings and death. Thou hast become our brother, that we might become Thy brethren, in Thy, and our Father's glorious, eternal kingdom. O prepare Thy way to our hearts, and give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive Thee joyfully as Thou dost again come to Thy Church with grace and peace. With the voice of praise would we go forth to meet Thee, and with angels, and with seraphim, and with Thy holy Church on earth, would we cry one to another, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth is full of Thy glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the Son of Mary, who cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Family. Blessed be the Son of Mary who cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! *Amen.*

Dearest Immanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of Mary, we thank Thee that Thou didst willingly take upon Thyself the miseries of our sinful race, leave Thy Father's throne to descend to us in our fallen estate, and assume our flesh and blood, that thereby we might be made partakers of Thy divine nature. Through Thee Thy Heavenly Father hath revealed His loving heart, and His gracious purposes toward us. There is now peace that shall never more be broken, since His wrath has been appeased by Thee. By Thy mysterious birth into the world, are we now born again into Thy kingdom of heaven, and Thou hast become to us the true heavenly porter by whom we have free access to our Father, and an abundant entrance into His kingdom. O dearest Lord, and most gracious Immanuel, grant that we may rightly know the mystery of godliness—Thy manifestation in the flesh; be properly affected by Thy great love and gracious disposition towards us; duly consider Thy lowliness and poverty; take comfort from Thy advent among men; and richly experience the power of Thy regenerating grace. Open

our hearts, and lips, and tongues, that, with the angels who have again become our friends, we may worship, and bless, and praise Thee; be enabled to please our dear Father reconciled in Thee, and, at last, be forever with Thee in the joys of Thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks, that of Thy wonderful love and mercy, Thou didst ordain, from eternity, Thy only begotten Son to be our Saviour; and didst in the fulness of time, send Him, in the form of a helpless babe, into this world of sin and misery. Thou didst not spare Thy beloved, Thy only begotten Son, but didst freely deliver Him up for us, that we, being purified from the corruption of our fleshly birth, and delivered from the power of sin and death, might become Thy children, and heirs of Thy heavenly kingdom. We pray Thee, grant that we may always truly know the fulness of this Thy grace and mercy. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit that

we may receive Thy dear Son into our hearts more and more, by a true faith in Him, and at all times find much comfort for our souls, in His holy incarnation. May we, through the grace and power of the same, Thy only begotten Son, live as Thy obedient children, and serve Thee in true holiness, that, at last we may, with all Thy elect saints, and Thy holy angels, praise and glorify Thee in heaven forever. Glory to Thee in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the holy Son of God, and Son of Mary; glory be to Thee in the highest heavens, that for our sakes Thou didst come into this world of misery, and didst take upon Thyself our flesh and blood. Thou didst humble Thyself that we might be exalted, and didst become our brother, that, through Thee, we might become the children of God, and the heirs of Thy heavenly kingdom. Thou didst descend from Thy heavenly glory into this sorrowful life, that, through Thy holy

obedience, and Thy bitter sufferings and death, Thou mightest raise us from earth to heaven. May it be our comfort in life and in death, that our sinful nature is sanctified in Thee, and that by Thy gracious incarnation we are renewed after Thy divine image. May the remembrance of the great honor which Thou hast thereby bestowed upon our human nature before the Father and the holy angels, lead us to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and most earnestly to guard against all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Transform us more and more into Thy holy image, and may Thy love dwell in us, and we in Thee, so that when that which is in part shall be done away, and that which is perfect be come, we may be like Thee, and see Thy face in everlasting joy and glory, through Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, livest and reignest forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee, that of Thy great goodness and mercy, Thou hast caused Thine only

begotten Son to become partaker of our flesh and blood, that we, through Him, might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death, we pray Thee: enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful to Thee for His gracious incarnation and birth; that we may be comforted by the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; and, in the end, be saved with an everlasting salvation, through the same, Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

New Year Collects and Prayers.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who hast, for the benefit of us poor sinners, made Thy Son subject to the law, that He, by His perfect obedience, might appease Thy wrath, and heal our disobedience: we thank Thee for this Thy fatherly grace, and we pray Thee, grant that by Thy Holy Spirit, our hearts may be enlightened, so that by His obedience, we may comfort ourselves against our sins and an evil conscience, and may begin and end the new year in true faith and

holiness, and in righteousness of life. Grant that by the help of the same Spirit, we may mortify the sinful desires of the flesh, walk as Thy obedient children in this earthly state, and finally, inherit life everlasting, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, most gracious Father, from whom we do constantly receive all manner of good, which we have in no wise merited, we give Thee thanks, that in the year which is now drawing to a close, Thou hast so graciously and mightily protected us, and hast bestowed upon us so many blessings both temporal and spiritual; and we pray Thee, enable us by Thy Spirit, and with true faith, to acknowledge all these Thy benefits, that so we may evermore thank and praise Thee for Thy goodness and mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, the only true God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks, that during the past year Thou hast preserved us from all evil, hast bestowed upon us all manner of good, and dost permit us to enter upon a new year; and we pray that it may please Thee mercifully to crown the same with Thy goodness; to bless us and our households with Thy heavenly gifts; and to grant, and to preserve unto us whatsoever is necessary for our bodily wants; to avert from us all calamities and evils; and to make this to be unto us a blessed, peaceful, and happy year, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only Saviour. *Amen.*

For the beginning of the Year.

Almighty and eternal God, merciful and gracious Father, Thou hast again permitted us to bring to an end one year of our earthly pilgrimage, and to begin another in Thy name. O Lord God, how great and manifold are the tokens of Thy goodness, which, in paternal

tenderness, Thou hast bestowed upon us, whilst we have deserved, on account of our sins, nothing but the marks of Thy displeasure. We are unable to recount all the benefits which Thou hast granted us during the past year, for they cannot be numbered. Thou hast, indeed, corrected us for our numerous offences against Thee, but Thou hast not taken Thy Holy Spirit from us. For these, Thy mercies, we heartily thank Thee. And we humbly pray Thee, enter not into judgment with us on account of our past sins, whereby we have offended Thee, but graciously forgive them for Jesus' sake. So rule in us that we may not take any old corruption and wickedness with us into the new year, but be enabled to put on the new man which is created in righteousness and true holiness. Begin, dear Father, to bless us anew. Renew to us Thy fatherly affection and faithfulness. Give us a holy mind, and help us to do all good works. Save us from being overwhelmed with sorrow, and from the punishments which our sins have deserved. As during all the past time of our lives there was no hour or moment in which,

without Thy protection, we might not have fallen into great calamity, so wilt Thou, likewise, graciously throw over us Thy preserving care during this year on which we have now entered. Merciful God and Father, hear our Prayer. Have mercy upon all men. Preserve to us the pure doctrines of Thy Word. Sanctify all ministers of the Gospel, and all teachers of youth. Edify our churches, and bless our schools. Preserve us from false doctrines. Strengthen the hands of all faithful rulers. Vouchsafe to our country wise statesmanship, and obedience to wholesome laws. Bless all fathers and mothers. Rule over our children, and all who serve us. Defend us from war and bloodshed. Avert from us pestilence and famine. Restrain the wrath of the devil. Send Thy holy angels to minister to us. Crown this year with Thy goodness. Give peace to our land, joy to our hearts, and health to our bodies. Bless our lawful occupations. Further the work of our hands. Grant a comfortable livelihood to all that labor. Convert sinners. Comfort the pious. Restore the erring. Enlighten our enemies. Defend us from perse-

cutions. Protect the widow and the orphan. Provide for the poor. Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Cheer the hearts of those who are driven into exile. Release the prisoners. Comfort the sorrowful. Make glad the distressed. Watch over the sick. Help the forsaken. Revive the discouraged. Deliver the oppressed. Help all who are in labor. Protect the traveller. Be with the dying. Grant these prayers, O our heavenly Father, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Name of Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ; blessed be Thy holy name. We thank and praise Thee, dearest Saviour, that, in obedience to Thy heavenly Father's counsel, Thou didst come into this wretched world, wast circumcised the eighth day, and thus wast made subject to the law, and didst take upon Thyself the precious name Jesus. Yea, Lord, Thou art our Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer, and Thou hast ordained that we should be called and known

by Thy own holy name. In Thy name alone is life, and peace, and salvation; in Thy holy name will we offer up our prayers; in Thy name do we find comfort in all times of trouble; and in Thy name will we go hence in the final hour. In Thy name, too, do we hope to stand justified in the last day, when Thou wilt come to judge the world in power and great glory. Sanctify us, dearest Lord Jesus, and let Thy precious name be our chief adorning. Grant that at Thy name all knees may bow, more and more, of things that are in heaven, and that are in earth, and that are under the earth. Let Thy name be the great glory of Thy holy Church in the world, and like the perfume of holy ointment poured out, may it fill the whole earth. Let Thy name, also, be the joy and delight of all who dwell in this house; the bond of love and peace that unites all our hearts together; and the unfailing source of grace and blessing to our souls. Lord Jesus, in Thy name would we do all things; and to the glory of Thy name would we live, through the strength of Thy grace, now and forever. *Amen.*

Epiphany Prayers and Collects.

O kind and gracious Saviour, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, we pray Thee: so rule our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we, walking in Thy footsteps, and following Thy example, may have great love and desire for Thy holy Word, and the assemblies of Thy saints. Grant that our children may follow after godliness, and, showing reverence for Thy word, and submitting themselves obediently to the instructions of those that are set over them in the Lord, may like Thee, grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man; and, in the end, inherit life everlasting, through Thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus, holy and beloved, who art ever gracious and merciful, and condescendest to take up Thy abode with the children of men, we pray Thee: disdain not to come to this house with Thy comfort and peace,

and abide with us. We are, indeed, unworthy that Thou shouldest come under our roof; but Thou art the friend of the poor, and the Saviour of sinners, and dost graciously have respect unto those that are lowly. As in Cana Thou didst, in great condescension, enter into the house of the poor, and didst, with wonderful love, take part in their joys, so enter also into our house, day after day, and be with us in joy and in sorrow. Sanctify our joys; be our help in need, and our comforter in times of trouble. May we always experience Thy sanctifying and consoling presence; and, we pray Thee; reveal to us, more and more of Thy glory, that we may grow in faith, and our whole lives may be a holy sacrifice, and an acceptable service to Thee. The kingdom of heaven is where Thou art, O Lord, and there, also, are peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. O come, therefore, daily to us, and bring Thy blessed peace, and Thy holy joy into our house and hearts. In the world we are desolate and without peace; O Lord Jesus, Thou alone art the joy and delight of

our souls. We praise Thy holy name, and bless Thy faithfulness and Thy love, now and forever. *Amen.*

O Thou dearest Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who, out of great love for us didst come into the world, in order to redeem us poor sinners, and for our sakes didst go, in wonderful patience, to meet the bitter agony and death that awaited Thee, we confess to Thee, in sorrow and humility, that we have often been unmindful of Thy love, and have not duly considered that for us Thou didst endure all this great suffering. Behold, we are blind and miserable, and do not call to mind as, daily, we ought, that Thou, O our Saviour, didst shed Thy blood for us on the cross. Open Thyself, in us, the eye of faith, that we may see in Thee, the Crucified One, alone, life and salvation, our peace and happiness, forever. Reveal the glory of Thy passion more and more, to the inhabitants of the world, that all the nations of the earth may gather around the cross as their sacred banner. Under Thy cross may we, too, al-

ways stand, until we shall enter into Thy glory, which by suffering and death Thou hast obtained for us, and which Thou wilt graciously bestow upon all that are Thine. O Thou Holy One of Israel, who wast crucified for us, grant that, with pure hearts, and sincere devotion, we may bless and praise Thy name, here on earth, and in heaven forever. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright; grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion, that they who do lean upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by Thy Almighty power,

through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Lent Prayers and Collects.

O Lord Jesus, who art our true, holy, and eternal high-priest, who, by Thy own blood, hast entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, we thank and praise Thee, that, by the one holy sacrifice which Thou didst offer for us, Thou hast reconciled us to God our Father, made us free from sin, and hast purged us from dead works to serve the living God; and we pray Thee: grant us Thy Holy Spirit that our hearts may be greatly comforted by this Thy holy sacrifice for our sins; that we may heartily trust and confide in it for forgiveness and eternal life; and in return for this, Thy grace, may devote ourselves as an offering to Thee, with all the powers of our bodies, souls, and spirits. O Thou great and holy high-priest, who hast ascended into the heavens, and sittest on the right hand of Majesty, in Thee we, with Thy whole church would find our refuge, for Thou art touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Thy

priesthood is unchangeable; Thou livest forever, and intercedest for us; therefore, we are of good cheer amid the sorrows of this earthly life, and we have confidence when suffering much temptation from the devil, the world, and the flesh. Thou art our Advocate with the Father, and by the power of Thy intercession, are we preserved, and strengthened, and raised up even when we fall. O Lord; grant, that, through Thy intercession, our prayers may, at all times, avail with God our Father, and be well pleasing in His sight, and be heard by Him.

O Thou High-Priest, who art holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; we pray Thee: bless Thy poor and feeble people, from the height of heaven, and lift up Thou the light of Thy countenance upon us. Bless us through Thy Word and Sacraments; and through the office and benediction of Thy ministers; and let the streams of Thy grace flow over us richly, that thereby our hearts may be refreshed; and holy faith, and unfeigned love to Thee, may live, and be strengthened in us.

O Thou holy, divine, and everlasting High-Priest, who hast by Thy bloody sacrifice dearly purchased us; who ever liveth to make intercession for us with the Father in heaven, and out of Thy rich grace and mercy, givest Thy high-priestly blessing to Thy people; we pray Thee: accept us as we now give ourselves wholly to Thee, to be Thine own; for Thine would we be, living and dying; Thine here on earth; and Thine in heaven above, with the innumerable company of Thy saints, forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst fast forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, and didst overcome all the temptations of the devil; we thank Thee: that for our salvation, Thou wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin; and as our merciful high-priest, canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and we pray Thee: give us grace, steadfastly to resist the allurements of sin, that the lusts of our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey

Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O all-wise and merciful Lord God, Thou alone knowest the hidden depths of sin and corruption in the heart of man. Thou knowest how miserable and impotent we are; but Thou art gracious, and wilt not reject us because we are unworthy. Thou bearest with our sins, and waitest until, moved with true contrition, we confess our iniquities, and uncover before Thee, the deep fountain of our sinful hearts. Ah, Lord, Thou hast searched us, and known us; how can we hide our sins from Thee? Yea, a thousand times have we betrayed Thee; there is not one of Thy holy commandments that we have not broken; there is no sinful joy after which our evil hearts have not lusted. But Thou art still our Saviour and Redeemer. We fly to Thee in our distress. Cast us not away, oh cast us

not away. Although we have so often forgotten Thee, still, in mercy remember Thou us, O Lord. Let us not fall out of Thy hand, nor sink into the depths of Satan. Chasten us in Thy good pleasure, on account of all the evils of the heart, which Thine eye perceives in us, that we may repent, and not, like the son of perdition, be lost forever. O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, who didst give Thy Son to suffer for us the painful death of the cross, that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the enemy, grant that the bitter sufferings of Thy dear Son, may so move our hearts, that we may seek and obtain the forgiveness of our sins and everlasting redemption, through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Jesus in Gethsemane.

O Lord our Saviour, how much, how much didst Thou suffer on account of our sins! O Thou innocent Lamb of God, Thy soul trembled, and was afraid, and suffered the deepest distress and terror, when our sins, and the sins of the whole world, were laid on Thee. Thou didst writhe in the dust, that we might be redeemed. Thou didst suffer burning anguish of soul, that thereby we might be delivered from the torments of hell. O Lord, help us to acknowledge with fear and trembling, the greatness of our sins and guilt, that caused Thee such bitter sufferings. Ah! at what a terrible price of agony and distress, of heart-groans and death-strugglings, of bloody sweat and exceeding sorrow, didst Thou purchase and redeem us, poor, lost and condemned sinners. Never can we sufficiently thank Thee for this Thy wonderful love and mercy. O Thou dearest high-priest of our profession, have mercy upon us, and grant that we may wholly rest our hopes upon the merits of Thy bloody sacrifice. By Thine agony and

bloody sweat, help us, good Lord. By Thy fear and terror, give us comfort and courage. By Thy great sorrow and heaviness, have mercy upon us, and grant us peace and joy in the final hour. *Amen.*

Jesus before Pilate.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of saints, who wast despised and rejected of men, but who now sittest at the right hand of the Majesty on high, how low was the state of humiliation, before Pontius Pilate, to which Thou didst submit, in order to exalt us to heaven! O Thou King of truth, grant that we may so hear Thy voice, and follow Thy call, that we may enter into Thy everlasting kingdom. Thy kingdom is not of this world, and Thy dominion is spiritual and heavenly, but we are earthly and full of sin. O cleanse Thou us by Thy blood, that we, as Thy sanctified ones, and blessed of Thy Father, may once stand before Thee with joy. O Thou King who wast crowned with thorns, graciously grant to us the crown of eternal life. O Thou King who didst bear scorn and suffering,

mercifully grant to us an entrance into Thy kingdom of joy and glory. O Thou who wast a King on the cross, and in death, have mercy upon us, and bring us to everlasting life. O Thou holy and eternal King, we prostrate ourselves before Thy cross as before the throne on which Thou wast lifted up; and we offer unto Thee, our homage and our prayers. Graciously accept us as Thy subjects, and keep us faithful to Thee forever, to the honor and glory of Thy name, for the sake of the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us. *Amen.*

Jesus on the Cross.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art our only and ever-living high-priest and intercessor; who art the Saviour of the world and hast borne the sins of all men on the cross; and who didst, out of great love and mercy, pray for Thy enemies and cruel murderers; we pray Thee: be merciful also unto us, forgive our sins, and intercede for us with Thy heavenly Father. Ah! Lord Jesus, who art our faithful high-priest, our sins they were, that nailed Thee to the cross. Our griefs. Thou

didst bear; the curse that rested on us, was laid on Thee, who wast altogether holy and without sin. Thou didst submit to suffering and death in order to redeem us. For this, Thy unspeakable love, we would praise Thee with our whole hearts, and we pray that Thou wouldst let the streams of Thy grace and mercy flow over us abundantly; and grant that we may receive the forgiveness of sin, and taste the rich blessings procured for us by Thy bitter sufferings and death. O let Thy holy and merciful intercession, when Thou didst, amid the cruel sufferings of the cross, pray for Thy persecutors and tormentors, Father forgive them, also be uttered on our behalf. Yea, Lord, Thou dost also pray for us, as our holy and divine Advocate with the Father. Grant unto us, also, merciful and forgiving hearts, and pour out upon us, Thy own wonderful redeeming love, that we, too, may willingly forgive our enemies, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us; so that we, O our Saviour, may resemble Thee. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Remembrance of Christ's Death.

O holy and merciful Lord Jesus Christ; we thank Thee that Thou didst shed Thy blood for us on the cross, and that by Thy painful sufferings and death, Thou hast redeemed us from sin and its curse, from the power of the devil, and from the fear of hell. Blessed be Thy holy name, and praised be Thy unspeakable mercy, forever. O Lord, let Thy great love for us not have been bestowed in vain. Give us now and always, a deep sense of Thy wonderful compassion; and grant that in our lives, we may praise and glorify Thy holy name. Grant unto us, and to all Christians every where, the rich blessings flowing from Thy sufferings and death, and keep us forever in Thy saving communion. May we remain in Thee, as the branches are united with the vine; and may our lives be productive of such fruits of righteousness as shall be pleasing to Thee. Awaken in us, now and always, the spirit of active obedience to Thy truth, that we may be like-minded with Thee, and walk, as we have Thee, for our example. Impart

to us, out of the holy fulness of Thy love, true, unfeigned, and pure love to each other. Grant that we may not mind high things, but condescend to men of low estate, and serve one another in holy humility, as Thou wast meek and lowly of heart. Be Thou our help in all the conflicts of earth; our strength in weakness; our comforter in trouble. O Lord, bless us in going out, and in coming in, and watch over us with Thy powerful protection. Have mercy upon us, and grant our prayer, on account of Thy innocent sufferings and death, and for the sake of the precious blood which Thou didst shed for us on the cross. *Amen.*

Another.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, who didst become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; how severe was Thy labor; how great were Thy sufferings; how distressing was Thy death! Blessed be Thy holy name, for Thy work, for Thy sufferings and shame, for Thy agony

and death, and for the eternal redemption which by the sacrifice of Thyself, Thou hast procured for us. Surely Thou hast borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, that with Thy stripes we might be healed. Thou didst become a curse for us, that we might inherit a blessing. Grant, Lord Jesus, that we, together with Thy holy church universal, may always share by faith, the benefits of Thy holy sacrifice, and be comforted by it, and that our sinful flesh, together with all its lusts and passions, may be daily crucified with Thee. Give us a gentle and forgiving temper, that, in imitation of Thy blessed example, we may at all times love, and pray for, our enemies. Save us from the pains of hell, and from the tormenting fear of being forsaken of Thee. Awaken within us a holy thirst after the waters of salvation, and an ardent longing for the bliss of heaven; and when we have finished our earthly life, may our last utterance be, Father, into Thy hands, I commit my spirit. And, O Thou holy Lord God Almighty, administer to us then, as Thou didst to the dying penitent on the cross, an abundant entrance to the Paradise

above. O Lord Jesus, graciously grant us these our humble prayers, for the sake of Thy most precious sufferings and death. *Amen.*

Easter Prayers and Collects.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Almighty God, and victorious Prince, who hast broken the bands of death, risen from the grave in great majesty and glory, and become the first-fruits of them that slept; we thank Thee for Thy blessed sufferings, death, and resurrection, all which Thou didst undergo for our benefit, and that we might have hope. Thou as our true and strong Samson, hast lifted up, and broken, the gates of hell, so that we might have liberty to come in, and go out forever. Thou hast risen from the grave, and didst, with mighty power, break through the bars of death, as our head and shepherd, that we, as the members of Thy body, and the sheep of Thy flock, might not remain in the grave, but rise also, through the power of Thy resurrection, to eternal glory. Therefore, with joyful lips would we

praise Thee, and say: Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray Thee; grant that Thy blessed resurrection may comfort us, by enabling us firmly to believe that Thou hast hid all our sins and iniquities deep in Thy tomb, so that they will no more come before the face of our heavenly Father, nor put us to confusion in the day of judgment. Help us, finally to conquer all the fear and agony of death, through the joyful hope of the resurrection of our bodies; and when Thou, by the voice of the archangel, shalt call the dead to come forth, open Thou our graves, and let us meet Thee with joy. Then shall we behold Thy face in gladness, and, as Thy disciples after Thy resurrection, so we, in heaven, shall enjoy sweet and delightful communion with thee, and, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, praise Thee forever. *Amen.*

Christ's Ascension.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art our Almighty Lord and God; we thank Thee that, after having obtained the victory over all

Thy enemies, Thou didst triumphantly ascend to heaven in great majesty, attended by Thy holy angels, and art seated at the right hand of Thy heavenly Father. Thy cross and passion ended in Thy triumphant ascension, and through death, didst Thou enter into Thy eternal glory. Thou art on the shore; we are yet on the stormy sea—Thou art enjoying the victory; we are yet in the midst of the conflict. O grant us grace, that, with heart and soul, we may look after Thee as Thou ascendest, so that our hearts may be where our treasure is. Help us to put the world under our feet, as it was under Thine, so that by fervent prayers, longing desires, and true faith, we may soar upward to Thee on high. We believe, and with this faith we greatly comfort ourselves, that Thou wilt not leave the members of Thy body in the distresses of this mortal life, but wilt, finally, when we have finished our course, and kept the faith, receive us to Thyself, that where the Head is, the members may be also. Gladly would we be with Thee in our Father's house; much rather with Thee, than in

our present sorrowful pilgrimage. We would willingly lay off this earthly tabernacle, for we do groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven, that mortality may be swallowed up of life, and we ever be present with Thee. O Lord, we wait. But until the hour of our departure shall come, we would press forward in spirit toward the heavens, and our desire shall be with Thee, who art the joy and the delight of our souls forever. *Amen.*

For the Holy Communion.

O dearest Lord Jesus, who hast mercifully prepared for us a table, at which Thou dost impart to us Thy grace and blessing: grant that we may come to it with hearts well prepared to receive Thy benefits. As Thy body was broken, and Thy blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins, enable us by true faith, to lay hold on the hope of pardon and reconciliation with Thee. We are not worthy of Thy grace, or of a place, with Thee, but Thou art merciful above all that

we can ask or think. Be graciously pleased to heal our wounds, to soothe our sorrows, and to shed abroad Thy peace in our souls. With marvellous kindness and grace Thou feedest us with Thyself, the true bread of life, and dost quench our deep thirst by giving us Thy blood to drink. For such Thy infinite mercy, we render Thee our feeble praises, and we would give ourselves to Thee as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving. We beseech Thee to preserve to us and to Thy entire holy church, this heavenly grace, and take not from us on account of our sins, the pure and true sacrament of Thy body and blood. Grant that in Thy Holy supper, all heavy-laden and weary souls may find comfort and strength; and all Thy dying saints obtain support and joy in their last hour. May we, who, long ago, became Thine, with our body, and soul, and spirit, in Holy Baptism, be nourished and preserved in Holy communion with Thee, by Thy body and blood, and may we live not unto ourselves, but unto Thee. Yea, O Lord, by the power of Thy life in us would we live to Thee, by the efficacy of Thy death in us would we die to

Thee, and by having Thee in us, and by being ourselves in Thee, we would at our last hour, rise to eternal life, and enter into Thy glory. *Hallelujah, Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast given Thy dear Son to die for us, that He might not only bear our sins, and make atonement for us on the cross, but that He might also give us in His Holy Supper, His body to eat, and His blood to drink, unto our salvation; we pray Thee: give us grace to put our whole trust in Thy redeeming love; and help us always so to come to this holy sacrament, that our faith in Him may be strengthened, our souls comforted, and we be enabled to resist all the assaults of sin and death, through the same, Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do any thing

that is good without Thee, may by Thee, be enabled to live according to Thy will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who didst send Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, that He might defend and protect us in our frailty, from the power and assaults of the devil, preserve us, we beseech Thee, from all false security; and in all our temptations, help us by Thy Holy Spirit, to walk according to Thy word, that we may never fall into the power of the adversary, but in the end, be saved forever, through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Whitsuntide Prayer and Collects.

O God, the Holy Ghost, Thou Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of comfort and might, who proceedest from the Father and the Son,

and didst endow with Thy gifts and powers, the first disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank, and praise, and glorify Thee, that Thou hast at all times enlightened Thy holy Church with Thy heavenly grace, and dost continually work in us by Thy holy Word, and by Thy blessed sacraments. O Thou precious Holy Spirit, continue still to govern Thy Church, and pour out upon it of Thy wonderful gifts and heavenly powers, for our salvation, and for a witness to all the nations of the world. We poor sinners do beseech Thee to dwell among us, to purify and enlighten our hearts, that we may grow and increase in the faith and knowledge of Christ; and that we may live fervent in love, patient in suffering, and obedient to Thy holy motions in us; and through Thee be sanctified and preserved unto everlasting life and salvation, who with the Father and the Son, livest and reignest, one holy, triune God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who didst on the day of Pentecost, pour out Thy

Holy Spirit, according to Thy promise, upon the apostles and first believers, and didst fill them with His power; we beseech Thee: grant that we may be led by the same Spirit into all truth, and evermore rejoice in His holy comfort, and be filled with His power, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, who by the enlightening of the Holy Ghost, hast instructed the minds of Thy true believers, and hast gathered to Thee a holy Christian Church; we pray Thee: grant that Thy good Spirit may graciously purify our hearts, lead us into all truth, give us a holy, courageous spirit, and impart to us comfort in every time of need, so that Thy Church, experiencing the fulfilment of the gracious promise of Thy dear Son, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, we may, finally, be delivered from all our enemies, obtain the victory over death and the grave, and inherit everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son to die for our sins on the cross; we beseech Thee; grant us grace that we may believe and put our whole trust in Him; and continue faithful to Him even unto the end, so that we may not perish, but have everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Trinity Prayer and Collects.

O holy triune God, we bless Thee, and praise Thee, and give thanks to Thee for Thy wonderful grace, that Thou hast made known to us the deep and holy mystery of Thy most holy nature, and hast through the holy Sacrament of Baptism, called and begotten us again to a true and real life in Thee. Ah, Lord, how gracious and merciful hast Thou been to us poor sinners!

O almighty Lord God, kind Father in heaven, from Thee have we received rich streams of grace and blessing; and into Thy

hand we commit ourselves and all men, for all our future need. We beseech Thee: Bless us and keep us, now, henceforth, and forever.

O merciful Lord God, our Saviour Jesus Christ; Thou hast given Thy body to death on the cross for us, and didst shed Thy blood for the forgiveness of our sins. O Lord Jesus, graciously preserve us in Thy favor, and gather, more and more, all nations around Thy cross. We beseech Thee: Let Thy face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.

O holy Lord God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, who hast called us into the kingdom of grace, and hast in holy Baptism, already begun Thy good work in us, we beseech Thee: Lift up Thy countenance upon us, and give us Thy peace.

O holy, almighty, and merciful God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we belong to Thee, and Thine would we be, now, and to all eternity. Blessed be Thy holy name forever and ever. Thy Grace, O Lord Jesus Christ; Thy Love, O God the Father; and

Thy Communion, O Holy Ghost, be and remain with us all, now, henceforth, and evermore. *Amen.*

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks unto Thee that in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Thou didst receive us as Thy children, and didst grant us for Christ's sake, forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life; we pray Thee: so rule in us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never be unmindful of our baptismal covenant, but daily renounce every evil way, and serve Thee in true holiness, until we shall be received, at death, into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved

Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul; we pray Thee: give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness towards us, give thanks to Thee for all Thy benefits, and, being wholly given to Thee, serve Thee in true obedience, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For God's Holy Church.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who hast sent Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, into this evil world, to redeem us poor sinners, from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; we give Thee thanks for this Thy grace; and we praise and glorify Thy goodness and mercy, that Thou, through the Holy Ghost, hast gathered to Thyself a church on the earth, and hast established it on the true foundation and eternal corner-stone, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, so that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and we pray Thee: enable us, with grateful hearts, at all times

to acknowledge, and duly to consider this Thy grace and mercy; graciously preserve Thy church in the faithful confession of the pure doctrines of the Gospel, and in the true use of the sacraments; and grant that it may at last, triumph over all its enemies, and we, with all Thy true believers and saints in heaven, may praise Thee throughout everlasting ages, through the same, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Shepherd of Thy sheep, and the King of Thy redeemed; we thank Thee, that, according to Thy great and wonderful mercy, Thou hast, through the Holy Ghost, acquired for Thyself a people, and hast established Thy church in the earth; we praise Thee that Thou hast always graciously guided and governed the same in times of trial and persecution, hast comforted it with Thy favor and grace, and hast mightily strengthened it in its conflict with the world and the devil; we pray Thee, that Thou wouldst

continue to preserve it, and not suffer it to perish, even if the gates of hell should rise against it. We comfort ourselves with this assurance of Thy word, and magnify Thy goodness and mercy; and we pray Thee, that Thou wilt not long delay Thy coming, but soon appear according to Thy promise, redeem Thy church out of all its distresses, give it the victory over all Thy enemies, and secure for it everlasting peace and joy, through Thee, who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For the Pastors of the Church.

O our heavenly Father, Holy God, and Lord of the harvest, who didst give some apostles, and some prophets, and some pastors and teachers; and didst endue them with manifold gifts, that Thy holy church might be edified by the preaching of Thy word, and the administering of Thy sacraments; we beseech Thee: preserve all our pastors and teachers in purity of doctrine, and holiness of life; defend them from the

devil and this evil world; and bless and give increase to that which they plant, and to that which they water, that we may thereby be brought to the glory of Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Pastors of the Church.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art our ever-living High-priest, and the Head of Thy church; who when Thou didst ascend on high, didst ordain some among Thy servants to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; for this Thy rich grace, we thank and praise Thee; and we beseech Thee to be gracious to all faithful servants of Thy Church, and teachers of Thy word; and bestow upon them, Thy heavenly blessing, that they may gain many victories over sin, death, hell, the world, and the

devil; so that all men may confess that the true God dwells in Zion. Strengthen them in Thy power, that they may be mighty in Thy word, may teach it in purity, reprove the wicked with faithfulness, admonish the erring, and be effectual comforters of those that mourn. May they seek the lost sheep of Thy fold, bind up the bleeding heart, and strengthen those that are weak. Restrain the power of the enemy, that he may not sow tares among the wheat. Open our hearts to Thy testimonies, and grant us grace that we may cheerfully obey the holy words which Thou causest to be preached unto us. Holy Father, sanctify us by Thy truth, Thy word is truth. Keep and defend Thy church evermore; and in it, and by means of the grace which its ordinances convey to our hearts, prepare us for eternal life, through Him who loved us, and washed us in His blood, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For our Pastor.

O eternal and gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast ordained for us our dear

pastor, and hast put Thy word into his mouth, in order that he may declare it unto us; we pray Thee, give him grace that he may declare the whole counsel of God, open his mouth fearlessly against all error and sin, all abuses and disorders, all immorality and vice; and grant that he may with joy and much success, instruct us in the mysteries of Thy Gospel, announce to us the way of salvation, through a crucified Redeemer, and remove all delusion from our hearts. Keep him in purity of doctrine, piety of heart, and holiness of life, that he may go before us in the way to heaven. Bless, O Thou Chief Shepherd of Thy sheep, the word and the work of the under shepherds of Thy church, and keep them and us, faithful in the true faith, and in righteousness of life, so that growing in the same, and increasing in every Christian grace, we may endure to the end, and inherit everlasting salvation, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Missionaries.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded that Thy word should be preached among

all nations; we pray Thee: that, according to Thy gracious promise, Thou wouldst be with all Thy servants whom Thou hast sent forth as messengers to the benighted heathen in the ends of the earth, to carry out Thy command, to bear the light of the Gospel to them that sit in darkness. Anoint them all, dear Jesus, with the Holy Ghost, that they may preach Thy word in simplicity and pureness; and richly bless their labors, so that here, and in the remotest regions of the world, a great and holy people may be prepared for Thee, to the honor and glory of Thy name. Be Thou, Thyself, the support and comfort of Thy feeble disciples in their difficult calling, stand by them in all their trials, persecutions, and discouragements, that they may endure to the end; and finally, may they obtain the crown of life which Thou hast laid up in heaven for Thy faithful people, through Thee, their only Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

For the Heathen.

Almighty and eternal God, who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that

the wicked turn from his way and live; we beseech Thee : graciously hear our prayer, and deliver the heathen from their abominable idolatries ; bring them to faith in Christ, and to repentance for their sins ; and gather them into Thy holy Christian church, to the praise and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, the only true God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For all in Authority.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, Thou King of kings, and Lord of lords ; we come devoutly before the throne of Thy majesty, and pray Thee for the powers that be, which Thou hast ordained for us. O Lord, in whose hands are the hearts of kings, and who leadest them like streams of water, be pleased to order at all times, the affairs of our benign government according to Thy gracious will. Give to all the rulers of the earth, true faith and sound piety, that they may govern Thy people after the dictates of Thy holy word. May the judges whom Thou hast appointed

over us, judge righteous judgment, without fear or favor. Strengthen them for the difficult duties of their office, and set before their minds, daily, the dread of Thy righteous judgments, and of the great day in which they must give up their account to Thee. Bless the President of the United States, his Cabinet-counsellors, the members of Congress, the Governors of our States, the members of our State Legislatures, the leaders of our armies, and all others in authority; and grant them grace to fulfil well the duties of the several stations in which they are placed, that thereby, Thy name may be more and more hallowed, Thy kingdom advanced, and Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

For our Children.

O Lord God Almighty, the Father of mercies, who hast with Thy other gifts and blessings, bestowed upon us children, and hast also accepted them as Thy own children, when in the holy sacrament of Baptism, we

brought them to Thee: for these Thy gifts, we bless Thee; and we beseech Thee to hear our prayers, as we now come before Thee, with our children, to beg Thy gracious help. We heartily desire, and fervently pray, O gracious Father, that not one of these little ones should perish. We would do what we can, to instruct, admonish, correct, and pray for them, that they may be reared to Thy glory; but O Lord, we beseech Thee to do for them what we cannot do. Let Thy heavenly benediction rest upon them; keep them in Thy fear; and suffer no sin to be on their consciences. Give them believing, humble, obedient, and pious hearts, that as they grow in age, they, like Thy holy child Jesus, may grow in wisdom and in favor with God and man. O let our children be devout in their prayers, well grounded in their religion, steadfast in their faith, chaste in their lives, and godly in all the dispositions of their hearts. Preserve them from the temptations that surround them, and may they, by the gracious influence of the Holy Ghost, always cherish the remembrance of Thy presence with them. O gracious God,

hear the cry of our children when they call upon Thee in distress; guard them from danger, and preserve them from all evil, for Thy name's sake. Grant them Thy peace; let the light of Thy countenance shine upon them, that they may walk in Thy light. Be pleased also to provide for their bodily comfort; grant them suitable food and raiment; and deal with them as their Almighty and gracious Father. Be their deliverer from peril, and the healer of their sicknesses. Behold, we commit them into Thy hands. They are Thine own children. Do with them in all things according to Thy good pleasure. If Thou wilt mercifully spare them to us, may their hearts and their lives be ruled by Thy grace; and if Thou shouldst, at any time, take them from us, grant us patient submission to Thy will, the consolations of Thy word, and especially, the comfortable assurance that they are happy with Thee in Thy Kingdom of glory. Behold, our children are Thine. In mercy hast Thou given them to us, and in return, we would devote them as a thank-offering to Thee. Graciously accept us and our child-

ren; and at the last day, may we stand together at Thy right hand, and be enabled to say to the glory of Thy grace, Behold here are we, and the children which Thou hast given us, and none of them is lost. Mercifully grant these our prayers, we humbly beseech Thee, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children of the Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is that not one of these little ones should perish, but who hast sent Thy only Son to seek and to save that which was lost, and hast given commandment through the same, to suffer little children to come unto Thee, and to forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven; we heartily beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst so bless and govern the children of the church by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Thy word; and that Thou wilt be graciously pleased to protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving Thy holy angels charge over them, so

that they may remain Thine forever, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Peace in the Family.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost at all times willingly enter into the houses of the poor, and who didst, aforetime, tarry in the house of Zaccheus, and didst say: To-day is salvation come to this house; we pray Thee that Thou wouldst also come in to us, and abide with us in peace and joy, as our guest; that thereby, to our house also, salvation may come. Yea, come, Lord Jesus, and grant, what this evil world can never give, Thy sacred peace. See how much disquietude and sorrow; how much hatred and malice; how much strife and contention, exist in the world; therefore, we beseech Thee; grant us Thy grace, that in this house, we may always have the true peace of God. So rule among us with Thy own loving and gentle Spirit, that, at all times, in true love and concord, we may be obedient to Thee, and may serve one another, to the praise of

Thy holy name. Preserve us from all thoughts and words of hatred and discord ; and unite us together, now, and always, in the bonds of Thy own eternal, marvellous love. O Thou Prince of peace, grant us these prayers, for Thy great mercy's sake. *Amen.*

For Peace.

O Lord God of Sabaoth, grant that quietness, harmony, and peace, may dwell in our hearts, in our churches, in our land, in our families; and take us, in the hour of death, to the quiet and peaceful abodes of everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

Almighty and everlasting God, the King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed; by whose providence all things are ordered; who art the God of Peace, and the author of all concord; forgive us, we beseech Thee,

our sins, and grant us Thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve Thee with fear and trembling, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Help in Trouble.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who dost see good to visit us with afflictions and trials in the present world, for our profit, but dost mercifully promise everlasting comfort and joy in the world to come, to those who believe in Thee; grant Thy Holy Spirit that we may be duly sensible of this Thy fatherly correction, and not despair in our tribulations, but patiently look for Thy merciful help; and being always mindful of the joys of the blessed life eternal, may comfort ourselves with the same, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Faith.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the author and the finisher of our faith; by whom is

given to those that hear Thy word, the pure and precious grace of Christian faith, and hearty trust in Thy name; we thank Thee, that Thou hast enkindled this holy light in our hearts, and hast given us grace, that we also, although in weakness, yet with a true and humble confidence, have put all our trust in Thee. Dear Saviour, preserve, and increase in us, our faith. We believe, O help Thou our unbelief. Remove our doubts and fears, and grant that our minds may be wholly stayed on Thee. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax, but from weakness may we steadily increase in strength, so that we may always hold Thee fast with believing hearts, confide with hearty trust in Thy promises, rejoice continually in Thy heavenly gifts, have great comfort and peace in Thy salvation, and desire daily to enjoy devout communion and fellowship with Thee, until we come to Thy everlasting kingdom, through Thee, who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Holiness.

O Almighty God, who art righteous in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works, and who requirest us to be holy as Thou art holy; we beseech Thee: grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may subdue all the sinful passions of our nature, have the same mind in us that was in Jesus, and daily increase in holiness of heart and righteousness of life, through Thy dear Son our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Perseverance in Grace.

O Christ, Thou Son of David, who art our good and gracious Lord; we pray Thee; accept us in Thy great mercy, and cast us not away from Thy presence. Thou didst create us when yet we were nothing; Thou didst redeem us when we were lost and ruined. Yea, when we were condemned to death, Thou didst yield Thyself to death, in order to save us. Thou didst love us more than Thyself, for Thou didst shed Thy blood, and offer up Thy life, as the precious price of our redemption. Therefore, keep us, good

Lord, under Thy care, and in Thy Love and favor. Let Thy mercy be greater than our sins; and perfect, by Thy grace, that which Thy grace hath begun in us, through Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Faith and a Godly Life.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant us, we beseech Thee, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ; a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, against all the wickedness of our sinful conscience; and a sincere love to Thee, and to all our fellow-men, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Meekness.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wast meek and lowly of heart, and when Thou wast reviled, reviled not again, we pray Thee: grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that, like Thee, we too may love our enemies, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us and perse-

cute us, so that we may be the children of our heavenly Father, possess our souls in peace and quietness, and, in the end, inherit everlasting life, through Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For Gentleness.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wast mild and gentle towards all men; we pray Thee: grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may learn of Thee, that wisdom which is from above, and which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits; and that we may put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, with all malice; and may be kind one to another, tender-hearted, and ready to forgive one another, even as Thou, in great compassion, hast forgiven us, so that, being no longer the servants of our sinful passions, but being made free from them, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life, through Thee, who with the Father and the

Holy Ghost livest and reignest, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For the People.

O Lord God of Sabaoth, be with us as Thou wast with our fathers; forsake us not, neither withdraw Thy hand from us; incline our hearts to Thee, that we may walk in Thy ways, and observe Thy laws, precepts and ordinances, which Thou didst reveal to our fathers; grant times of peace to us and to our posterity; vouchsafe unto us Thy mercy; and give us grace that we, and our children after us, may be delivered from all evil, both of the body and the soul, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Country.

O Almighty God, who art Lord of heaven and earth; we commend to Thy fatherly care and protection, our beloved land, and in particular, this community; and we pray Thee to pour out upon the same, of the fullness of Thy blessing. Grant unto us con-

tinued peace and concord, so that the progress of Thy kingdom among us, may not be hindered, nor reproach be brought upon Thy Holy name, by our dissensions and strife. Vouchsafe to us, at all times, a good Christian government, and replenish with Thy Holy Spirit, the President of the United States, and all others in authority over us, and grant them wisdom, righteousness, and sound discretion, that they may always administer the affairs of their office to Thy glory, and so as to promote the temporal and eternal happiness of all classes of the people. If our land should suffer the calamity of war, grant us the victory over all our enemies; be Thou the leader of our armies, the protector of those who may do battle for the constitution of our country, and the Union and safety of these states; defend our soldiers from the hazards of battle, from sickness and death, and from all sin and temptation; be with those who shall fall on the field, or die in the camp, or at their homes; comfort and provide for their families; be with all sick and wounded soldiers, and all prisoners, and comfort and deliver them; arrest speedily,

the horrors of war, and restore the blessings of peace. Mercifully favor us with all the necessary good things of this life; and let Thy blessing rest upon our churches and schools, the government and the people, the gardens and the fields. In particular, bless this land, and this community especially, with Thy pure word and gospel; and may we be as a garden of beauty, and like fountains of water, whose streams make glad the earth. O may it be said to the praise of this land, now, and in all future time, that here Thou hast taken up Thy abode; that Thou hast chosen it for Thyself, and dost keep it as the dwelling-place of Thy people. O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of the whole world, hear us, and despise not our prayer, which we offer up in Thy name.
Amen.

In time of great Sickness and Mortality.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, thine erring children, do humbly confess unto Thee, that we have justly deserved the chastening which, for our

sins, Thou hast sent upon us, but we entreat Thee, that of Thy boundless goodness and mercy, Thou wouldest bring us to true repentance, graciously forgive our sins, and remove from us, or lighten, our deserved punishment; and grant, that, as obedient children, we may be subject to Thy will; and if it be Thy pleasure, bear our afflictions in patience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

In time of Trouble.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Comforter and Helper of all them that are in trouble, as we, by reason of our sins and infirmities, are subject to many diseases and sufferings, we pray Thee: give us steadfast faith, that in all our sufferings and tribulations, we may take refuge in Thee, and, experiencing Thy help, may give thanks, now and evermore, unto Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For Bodily and Spiritual Blessings.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who

by the word of Thy power dost create and uphold all things, and from whom all the blessings of this life do come; we beseech Thee: make known unto us Thine eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, and implant Him in our hearts, to the end that by His grace, we may be made worthy to receive Thy divine blessing upon the fruits of the earth, and upon all that pertains to our bodily wants, and may employ all Thy gifts to the praise of Thy name, and the good of our fellow-men, through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

For a Sick Person.

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hand are our health and life; who maketh sore and bindeth up, who killeth and maketh alive, and who hath given us by Thy servant David, the gracious promise, Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee; and also by Thy dear Son, our Lord, If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it

shall be done for them; we pray Thee, dearest Father, for this sick person here present (*or*, for our dear sick father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, friend N. N., as the case may be), that Thou wouldst be gracious unto him (or her), and before all, grant him (or her) the forgiveness of all his (or her) sins, for with Thee is mercy and plenteous redemption. Comfort the sick, in the true faith of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. And if it may be Thy divine and gracious will, and for Thy glory, and for his (or her) best good, grant him (or her) also, restoration to bodily health, for Thou art almighty. But if, dear Lord, it shall otherwise please Thee, and Thou wilt take away his (or her) life, and call him (or her) home, we beseech Thee to keep and strengthen him (or her) in body and soul, against all perilous temptations, alleviate his (or her) pains, and shorten his (or her) sufferings; and grant that in the end, he (or she) may depart in Thy peace, and rest in Thy bosom. May his (or her) last day on earth be the first in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name he (or she)

is baptized, and whose blood has atoned for all his (or her) sins. *Amen.*

For Favorable Weather.

O God, our heavenly Father, who art gracious and merciful, and who hast promised through Thy Son, that Thou wouldst in mercy remember us in every time of need; we beseech Thee, not to regard our transgressions, but our need, and Thy goodness; and send favorable weather, that by Thy goodness, we may receive our daily bread, and acknowledge and give thanks unto Thee, most gracious God, who livest and reignest with Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For a Blessing upon our Business.

O Almighty God, who hast appointed us to the duties of our several earthly callings, at the same time that Thou requirest us to lay up our treasures in heaven; and hast by Thy Holy Apostle, directed us to be diligent in business, as well as fervent in spirit; we

pray Thee, so to endue us with Thy grace, that we may undertake nothing that is displeasing to Thee, or contrary to Thy will; grant Thy blessing upon the labor of our minds and hands; prosper our lawful business; defend us from all calamity by fire or water, by the malice or mistakes of men, or by the error of our own judgment; and enable us to use our possessions temperately, and to employ our property to the glory of Thy name, the advancement of Thy church, and the good of our fellow-men, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

We thank Thee, dear Lord and Saviour, that Thou hast mercifully preserved us this day, in body and soul, from all evil and danger; and we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy most precious blood; graciously to forgive whatsoever we may, in thought or word, this day, have sinned against Thy holy law. In all our fears, we fly to Thee, for in Thee alone, do we find peace and rest. May we repose safely, this night, under Thy Almighty wings, so that the adversary may

not be able to come near us, nor any evil befall us. Set Thy holy angels to watch at the threshold of our house, and at the door of our chambers, that we may rest, safe from all peril; and come Thyself, with Thy blessed peace, into our souls, that therein we may be still. Refresh our tired limbs, and weary minds, by the sleep of the night, and let us awake with the new day, to a new life in Thee, our Lord and Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, art blessed forever. *Amen.*

Another.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise Thee, that, for our sakes, Thou didst take upon Thyself our nature, and didst endure manifold griefs and sorrows in order to comfort and save us. We most heartily thank Thee for Thy painful sufferings, for Thy stripes and wounds, for all the drops of blood Thou shedst, and for the ignominious death Thou didst die, that Thou mightest redeem us, poor miserable sinners, from the wrath of God, and from everlasting death. We pray Thee, dearest Lord Jesus; suffer not

Thy bitter agony and death to have been endured for us in vain; but grant that through the propitiation Thou didst thereby make for us, we may obtain the forgiveness of sins, and the crown of everlasting life. As we now lie down to rest, we commend ourselves and our loved ones, together with all Thy saints, to thy faithful protection and care. Take us, and all that love Thee, into Thy arms, and to Thy bosom, and let us joyfully rest in Thee. Give, this night, comfort to all that weep, rest to all that are heavy-laden, peace to all that are disturbed, soothing slumber to the sick; and the hope of a glorious resurrection to the dying. Dear Jesus, in Thee alone is everlasting rest. This night we come to Thee; and to Thee would we also come when the evening of our life draws near, that in Thee, we may peacefully fall asleep, and awake in everlasting joy and felicity to the praise and glory of Thy grace. *Amen.*

Prayers for Evening.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift;

we raise our souls to Thee, entreating Thee to keep us continually under Thy care. If it seem good in Thy sight, grant us the blessing of quiet sleep, that we may arise in the morning in health, to labor in Thy service, and to live in Thy fear. Let it please Thee to lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and to give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Into Thy hands we commend ourselves, O Lord and Keeper of Israel. Keep us, we pray Thee, from the terrors and darkness of the night, and preserve us from all evil. Keep us mindful of the vanity of life, the certainty of death, and the solemnity of the judgment to come; and prepare us for a happy end of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all blessing and honor, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Luther's Evening Prayer.

We give thanks unto Thee, O our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear

Son, for having graciously protected us during the past day. And we beseech Thee : forgive us all our transgressions, whereby we have sinned against Thee, and protect us graciously this night; for into Thy hands we commend our bodies, and souls, and all things. Give Thy holy angel charge concerning us, that the adversary may have no power over us. *Amen.*

For Preservation during the Night.

Almighty God, the Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; we pray Thee to continue Thy favors toward us by watching over us this night. May we go to our beds in peace with Thee, and with all mankind. Keep us by Thy grace from all impurity of thought or deed, and defend us by Thy power, from all disquietude and danger. Grant us moderate and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the duties of the coming day. And make us ever mindful, O Lord, of the time when we shall lie down in the dust. Because we know neither the day nor the hour when we shall go hence, give us grace to be at all times ready, and

to live in such peace with Thee, that we may never fear to die. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, may we die unto the Lord, so that living or dying we may be Thine, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Short Evening Prayer.

Strip from us, O Lord, all the garments of iniquity, all selfishness, pride, vanity, and evil desires, and help us to remember, that soon, we shall put off this mortal body, to appear naked before the judgment seat of Christ. *Amen.*

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the keeping of God and His holy angels, we lay us down to rest. Whether we shall rise, or shall not rise again, may He bless, protect, and preserve us unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

At midnight, O Lord, Thou didst fill Thy servants David, Paul, and Silas, with Thy

Spirit, and didst enable them to sing praises unto Thee; help us also to think of Thee with gladness, upon our bed, and to rejoice in Thy good presence with us forever. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

Father. Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before Thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us an hearty contrition, that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

Family. Amen.

Father. And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we

be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls, that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice, that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good will; with a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men: that so, we may be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family. Amen.

Father. And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church; grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us, and so rule their hearts, and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain

Thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance, and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble, and do Thou, O God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for His sake who went about doing good, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Family. Amen.

Father. To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks, for all Thy mercies, for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food and raiment, and all other comforts, and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin, and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy

continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives, and particularly, for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through whose merits and intercession we receive them all, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family. Amen.

Father. In particular, we beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them, that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust, and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die, so that living or dying we may be Thine, through the merits and satisfaction of Thy Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers.

Father and Family. Amen.

For the Forgiveness of Sin.

O Lord God, Father of eternity, be merciful to us, miserable sinners.

O Christ, the Saviour and Consolation of the world, deliver us from all our sins.

O God, the Holy Ghost, give us above all things, wisdom, and faith, and love. Grant us the righteousness of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Evening Sentence.

O Lord abide with us for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

Abide with us, and with Thy Church universal.

Abide with us in the evening of the day,
in the evening of life,
in the evening of the world.

Abide with us with Thy grace and mercy,
with Thy word and sacraments,
with Thy comfort and blessing.

Abide with us at the coming
of the night of anguish and trouble,
of the night of doubt and temptation,
of the night of the agony of death.

Abide with us, and with all that believe
in Thee,

in life and in death,
in time and in eternity,
in earth and in heaven.

Amen.

Child's Morning Prayer.

Again I wake and see the light,
For God hath kept me through the night;
To Him I lift my voice and pray,
That God would keep me through the day.

Amen.

Child's Evening Prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take. *Amen.*

Grace at Meat.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we
thank Thee for the food which Thou hast set

before us ; and we pray Thee, attend with Thy blessing whilst we partake of it, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

Almighty God, may the food which Thou hast provided for us, nourish and refresh our bodies, and may we receive it with grateful hearts, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Or,

O Lord, we thank Thee for our daily bread. May it strengthen and refresh our bodies. And we pray Thee, nourish our souls, at the same time, with Thy heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

H Y M N S.

Gloria in Excelsis.

Glory be to | God on | high;
And on earth, | peace, good | will towards | men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we | worship | Thee.
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to | Thee for | Thy
great | glory.

O Lord God, | heavenly | King.
God the | Father | Al- — | mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, | Jesus | Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of | God, Son | of the | Father.

That takest away the | sins.. of the | world,
Have mercy up | on | us.

Thou that takest away the | sins.. of the | world,
Have mercy up | on | us.

Thou that takest away the | sins.. of the | world,
Re-ceive— | our— | prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of | God the | Father
Have | mercy | upon | us.

For Thou | only art | Holy; || Thou | only | art the | Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the | Holy | Ghost, || art most
high in the | glory of | God the | Father. || A-men.

1

Morning.

L. M.

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run ;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Lord ! I my vows to Thee renew :
Disperse my sins as morning dew ;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
3. Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design to do or say ;
That all my pow'rs, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.
4. All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refresh'd me while I slept !
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

2

Morning.

L. M.

1. Arise, my soul, with rapture rise !
And, fill'd with love and fear, adore
The awful Sov'reign of the skies,
Whose mercy lends me one day more.
2. And may this day, indulgent Power !
Not idly pass, nor fruitless be ;
But may each swiftly flying hour
Still nearer bring my soul to Thee !

3. I fain would serve Thee all my days,
And may my zeal with years increase;
For pleasant, Lord, are all Thy ways;
And all Thy paths are paths of peace.

3

Morning.

S. M.

1. See how the rising sun
Pursues his shining way,
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,
With ev'ry bright'ning ray.
2. Thus would my rising soul
Its heav'nly parent sing,
And to its great original
The humble tribute bring.
3. Serene I laid me down
Beneath His guardian care;
I slept, and I awoke, and found
My kind Preserver near.
4. Oh! how shall I repay
The bounties of my God?
This feeble spirit pants beneath
The pleasing, painful load.
5. Dear Saviour! to Thy cross
I bring my sacrifice;
By Thee perfum'd, it shall ascend
With fragrance to the skies.
6. My life I would anew
Devote, O Lord, to Thee,

And in Thy blessed presence spend,
A long eternity.

4

Morning.

L. M.

1. In sleep's serene oblivion laid,
I safely pass'd the silent night;
Again I see the breaking shade,
I drink again the morning light.
2. New born, I bless the waking hour,
Once more, with awe, rejoice to be;
My conscious soul resumes her pow'r
And springs, my guardian God, to Thee!
3. Oh! guide me through the various maze
My doubtful feet are doomed to tread;
And spread Thy shield's protecting blaze
Where dangers press around my head.
4. A deeper shade shall soon impend,
A deeper sleep my eyes oppress;
Yet then Thy strength shall still defend,
Thy goodness still delight to bless.
5. That deeper shade shall break away,
That deeper sleep shall leave mine eyes;
Thy light shall give eternal day;
Thy love, the raptures of the skies.

5

Evening.

L. M.

1. Glory to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;

Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under Thine own Almighty wings.

2. Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ills that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
3. Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
With joy behold the judgment day.
4. Lord, let my soul forever share
The bliss of Thy paternal care;
'Tis heav'n on earth, 'tis heav'n above
To see Thy face and sing Thy love.

6

Evening.

C. M.

1. Dread Sov'reign, let my ev'ning song
Like holy incense rise!
Assist the off'rings of my tongue
To reach the lofty skies.
2. Through all the dangers of the day
Thy hand was still my guard;
And still to drive my wants away,
Thy mercy stood prepared.
3. Perpetual blessings from above
Encompass me around;
But, O! how few returns of love
Hath my Creator found!

4. Lord! with this guilty heart of mine,
To Thy dear cross I flee;
And to Thy grace my soul resign,
To be renew'd by Thee.
5. Sprinkled afresh with pard'ning blood,
I lay me down to rest,
As in th' embraces of my God,
Or on my Saviour's breast.

7

Evening.

C. M.

1. Lord! Thou wilt hear me when I pray,
I am forever Thine:
I fear before Thee all the day,
Nor would I dare to sin.
2. And while I rest my weary head,
From cares and business free;
'Tis sweet conversing on my bed
With my own heart and Thee.
3. I pay this ev'ning's sacrifice,
And when my work is done,
Great God! my faith and hope relies
Upon Thy grace alone.
4. Thus, with my thoughts compos'd to peace,
I'll give mine eyes to sleep;
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
And will my slumbers keep!

8

Evening.

L. M.

1. Thus far the Lord has led me on ;
Thus far His pow'r prolongs my days :
And ev'ry ev'ning shall make known
Some fresh memorial of His grace.
2. Much of my time has run to waste,
And I, perhaps, am near my home ;
But He forgives my follies past,
And strength supplies for days to come.
3. I lay my body down to sleep ;
Peace is the pillow of my head ;
His ever watchful eye will keep,
Its constant guard around my bed.
4. Faith in His name forbids my fear ;
Oh may Thy presence ne'er depart !
And in the morning may I bear
Thy loving-kindness on my heart !

9

Evening.

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1. Saviour, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal ;
Sin and want we come confessing,
Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal.
2. Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrows past us fly ;
Angel guards from Thee surround us ;
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

3. Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
Thou art He, who, never weary,
Watchest where Thy people be.
4. Should swift death this night o'ertake us,
And command us to the tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in bright eternal bloom.

10

Child's Evening Hymn.

8s & 7s.

1. Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear us;
Bless Thy little lamb, to-night;
Through the darkness be Thou near us;
Keep us safe till morning light
2. All this day Thy hand has led us,
And we thank Thee for thy care;
Kindly Thou hast clothed and fed us;
Listen to our evening prayer.
3. May our sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends we love so well;
Take us, when we die, to heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell.

11

God's Guidance.

C. M.

1. O that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will.

2. Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere ;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep ;
And, should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in Thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road ;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

12

Divine Guidance.

C. M.

1. O God of Jacob, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed ;
Who, through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led !
2. To Thee our humble vows we raise,
To Thee address our prayer ;
And in thy kind and faithful breast
Deposit all our care.
3. Through each perplexing path of life
Our wand'ring footsteps guide ;
Give us, each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
4. O spread Thy cov'ring wings around,
'Till all our wand'rings cease,

And, at our Father's lov'd abode,
Our souls arrive in peace.

5. To Thee as to our cov'nant God
We'll our whole selves resign;
And thankful own that all we are,
And all we have, is Thine.

13**Cross of Christ.****L. M.**

1. When I survey the wond'rous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

14**Daily Communion.****C. M.**

1. O could I find, from day to day.
A nearness to my God,

Then should my hours glide sweet away,
And lean upon His word.

2. Lord, I desire with Thee to live,
Anew from day to day,
In joys the world can never give,
Nor ever take away.
3. O Jesus, come and rule my heart,
And make me wholly Thine;
That I may never more depart,
Nor grieve Thy love divine.
4. Thus till my last, expiring breath,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And when my flesh dissolves in death,
My soul shall love Thee more.

15

Self-Examination.

L. M.

1. What strange perplexities arise!
What anxious fears and jealousies!
What crowds in doubtful light appear!
How few, alas, approv'd and clear!
2. And what am I? My soul, awake,
And an impartial survey take;
Does no dark sign, no ground of fear,
In practice or in heart appear?
3. What image does my spirit bear?
Is Jesus form'd and living there?
Say, do His lineaments divine
In thought, and word, and action shine?

4. Searcher of hearts! oh, search me still:
The secrets of my soul reveal;
My fears remove; let me appear
To God and mine own conscience clear.

16

Delight in God.

8s & 7s.

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend;
Life, and health, and peace possessing,
From the sinner's dying Friend.
2. Love, and grief my heart dividing,
With my tears His feet I'll bathe:
Constant still, in faith abiding,
Life deriving from His death.
3. Truly blessed is this station—
Low before His cross I'll lie;
While I see divine compassion
Floating in His languid eye.
4. Here I'll sit—forever viewing
Mercy streaming in His blood:
Precious drops, my soul bedewing,
Plead and claim my peace with God

17

Blessings of Piety.

C. M.

1. Blest are the undefiled in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean,
Who never from Thy law depart,
But fly from ev'ry sin.

2. Blest are the men that keep Thy word,
And practice Thy commands;
With their whole heart they seek the Lord,
And serve Thee with their hands.
3. Great is their peace who love Thy law;
How firm their souls abide!
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.
4. Then shall my heart have inward joy
And keep my face from shame,
When all Thy statutes I obey,
And honor all Thy name.

18

A Holy Heart.

C. M.

1. Oh for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely spilt for me!
2. A heart resign'd, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.
3. Oh for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within!
4. A heart in ev'ry thought renew'd,
And full of love divine;

Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine !

19

Praise.

L. M.

1. In glad amazement, Lord, I stand
Amidst the bounties of Thy hand :
How numberless those bounties are !
How rich, how various, and how fair !
2. But, O ! what poor returns I make ;
What lifeless thanks I pay Thee back !
Lord, I confess with humble shame,
My off'rings scarce deserve the name !
3. Fain would my lab'ring heart devise
To bring some nobler sacrifice :
It sinks beneath the mighty load :
What shall I render to my God ?
4. To Him I consecrate my praise,
And vow the remnant of my days :
Yet what at best can I pretend,
Worthy such gifts from such a friend.
5. In deep abasement, Lord, I see
My emptiness and poverty :
Enrich my soul with grace divine,
And make me worthier to be Thine.
6. Give me at length an angel's tongue,
That heav'n may echo with my song :
The theme, too great for time, shall be
The joy of long eternity.

20

Salvation.

C. M.

1. Salvation, O, the joyful sound !
 'Tis music to our ears ;
 A sov' reign balm for ev'ry wound
 A cordial for our fears.
2. Buried in sorrow and in sin,
 At hell's dark door we lay ;
 But we arise by grace divine,
 To see a heav'nly day.
3. Salvation ! let the echo fly
 The spacious earth around ;
 While all the armies of the sky
 Conspire to raise the sound.

21

Christ's Atonement.

C. M.

1. Dearest of all the names above,
 My Jesus, and my God.
 Who can resist Thy heavenly love,
 Or trifle with Thy blood ?
2. 'Tis by the merits of Thy death
 The Father smiles again ;
 'Tis by Thine interceding breath,
 The Spirit dwells with men.
3. Till God in human flesh I see,
 My thoughts no comfort find ;
 The holy, just and sacred Three
 Are terrors to my mind.

4. But if Immanuel's face appear,
My hope, my joy, begins;
His name forbids my slavish fear—
His grace removes my sins.
5. While Jews on their own law rely,
And Greeks of wisdom boast,
I love the incarnate mystery,
And there I fix my trust.

22

Advent.

C. M.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King:
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ:
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

23

The Lord's Day.

L. M.

1. Sweet is the work, my God, my King!
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing;

To show Thy love by morning light,
And talk of all Thy truth at night.

2. Sweet is the day of sacred rest :
No mortal care shall fill my breast ;
My heart shall triumph in the Lord,
And bless His works, and bless his word.
3. And I shall share a glorious part,
When grace hath well refin'd my heart,
When doubts and fears no more remain
To break my inward peace again.
4. Then shall I see, and hear, and know
All I desir'd or wish'd below ;
And ev'ry pow'r find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

24

Affliction.

C. M.

1. Affliction is a stormy deep,
Where wave resounds to wave ;
Though o'er my head the billows roll,
I know the Lord can save.
2. The hand that now withholds my joys
Can reinstate my peace ;
And He who bade the tempest roar,
Can bid that tempest cease.
3. In the dark watches of the night,
I'll count His mercies o'er ;
I'll praise Him for ten thousand past,
And humbly sue for more.

4. When darkness and when sorrows rose
And press'd on every side,
The Lord has still sustain'd my steps,
And still has been my guide.
5. Here will I rest and build my hopes,
Nor murmur at His rod;
He's more than all the world to me,
My health, my life, my God.

25

God's Providence.

C. M.

1. And art Thou with us, gracious Lord,
To dissipate our fear?
Dost Thou proclaim Thyself our God,
Our God forever near?
2. Doth Thy right hand which form'd the earth,
And bears up all the skies,
Stretch from on high its friendly aid,
When dangers round us rise?
3. And wilt Thou lead our weary souls
To that delightful scene,
Where rivers of salvation flow,
Through pastures ever green?
4. On Thy support our souls shall lean,
And banish ev'ry care;
The gloomy vale of death shall smile,
If God be with us there.
5. While we His gracious succor prove,
'Midst all our various ways,

The darkest shades through which we pass
Shall echo with His praise.

26

Mourning for Sin.

C. M.

1. How oft, alas! this wretched heart
Has wander'd from the Lord!
How oft my roving thoughts depart,
Forgetful of His word.
2. Yet sov'reign mercy calls, "Return:"
Dear Lord, and may I come?
My vile ingratitude I mourn:
O take the wand'rer home.
3. And canst Thou, wilt Thou yet forgive,
And bid my crimes remove?
And shall a pardon'd rebel live
To speak Thy wondrous love?
4. Almighty grace, Thy healing pow'r
How glorious, how divine!
That can to bliss and life restore
So vile a heart as mine.
5. Thy pard'ning love, so free, so sweet,
Dear Saviour, I adore!
O keep me at Thy sacred feet
And let me rove no more.

27

Litany.

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1. Jesus, Lord, we kneel before Thee,
Bend from heaven Thy gracious ear;

While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners hear!
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord!

2. Taught by Thine unerring Spirit,
Boldly we draw nigh to God,
Only in Thy spotless merit,
Only through Thy precious blood:
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord!

3. From the depths of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord!

4. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour,
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord!

5. In the weary night of sickness,
In the throes of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When the creature's help is vain,
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord!

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Hope and Stay !
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord !
7. Jesus, may Thy promised blessing
Comfort to our souls afford ;
May we now, Thy love possessing,
Find at last the great reward ;
By Thy mercy,
Oh deliver us, good Lord !

28

Nearness to God.

6s & 4s.

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee !
Nearer, to Thee !
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me ;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee !
2. Though like a wanderer,
Weary and lone,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee !
3. There let my way appear
Steps unto heaven ;

All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

4. Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Altars I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer to Thee!

5. And when on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

29

Sunday Morning.

C. M.

1. With joy we hail the sacred day
Which God has called His own;
With joy the summons we obey,
To worship at His throne.
2. Thy chosen temple, Lord, how fair!
Where willing vot'ries throng
To breathe the humble, fervent prayer,
And pour the choral song.

3. Spirit of grace, oh deign to dwell
 Within Thy church below;
 Make her in holiness excel,
 With pure devotion glow.
4. Let peace within her walls be found;
 Let all her sons unite
 To spread with grateful zeal, around,
 Her clear and shining light.
5. Great God! we hail the sacred day
 Which Thou hast call'd thine own;
 With joy the summons we obey,
 To worship at Thy throne.

30

Advent.

8s & 7s.

1. Hark! what mean those holy voices,
 Sweetly sounding through the skies?
 Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;
 Heavenly hallelujahs rise.
2. Cherubs tell the wondrous story,
 Joyous seraphim reply,
 "Glory in the highest, glory!
 Glory be to God on high!
3. "Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
 Reaching far as man is found;
 Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
 Loud our grateful harps shall sound.
4. "Christ is born, the great Anointed;
 Heaven and earth His praises sing!

O receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King!

5. "Hasten, mortals, to adore Him;
Learn his name to magnify,
Till in heaven ye sing before him
Glory be to God most high."

31

Whitsuntide.

S. M.

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come,
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.
2. Convince us of our sin;
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal
The mercies of our God.
3. Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.
4. 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in ev'ry part,
And new create the whole.
5. Come, Holy Spirit, come,
Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know, and praise, and love,
The Father, Son, and Thee.

32

Prayer in Trouble.

C. M.

1. O Thou, from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my soul to Thee ;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
O Lord, remember me !
2. If on my head for Thy dear name,
Shame and reproaches be,
All hail reproach, and welcome shame,
If Thou remember me.
3. If worn with pain, disease, and grief,
This feeble body be ;
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief :
O Lord, remember me !
4. When, in the solemn hour of death,
I wait Thy just decree,
Be this the pray'r of my last breath :
O Lord, remember me !
5. And, when before Thy throne I stand,
And lift my soul to Thee,
There, with the saints at Thy right hand,
O Lord, remember me !

33

Love to God.

C. M.

1. My God, I love Thee ! not because
I hope for heaven thereby :
Nor yet because, if I love not,
I must forever die.

2. But, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
 Upon the cross embrace :
 For me didst bear the nails and spear
 And manifold disgrace ;
3. And griefs and torments numberless ;
 And sweat of agony,
 E'en death itself ; and all for one
 Who was Thine enemy.
4. Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ !
 Should I not love Thee well ;
 Not for the sake of winning heaven,
 Or of escaping hell ;
5. Not with the hope of gaining aught ;
 Not seeking a reward ;
 But as Thyself hast loved me
 O ever loving Lord !
6. E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
 And in Thy praise will sing ;
 Solely because Thou art my God,
 And my eternal King.

34

Sweetness of Jesus.

C. M.

1. Jesus ! the very thought of Thee
 With sweetness fills my breast :
 But sweeter far Thy face to see,
 And in Thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 Nor can the mem'ry find

A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind !

3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek !
To those who fall, how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek !
4. But what to those who find ! ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show :
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved-ones know.
5. Jesus, our only joy be thou !
As thou our prize wilt be ;
Jesus, be thou our Glory now,
And through eternity !

35

Submission.

C. M.

1. Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sov'reign will denies,
Accepted at Thy throne, let this,
My humble prayer arise :
2. Give me a calm and thankful heart,
From ev'ry murmur free ;
The blessings of Thy grace impart,
And make me live to Thee.
3. Let the sweet hope that Thou art mine,
My life and death attend ;
Thy presence through my journey shine ;
And crown my journey's end.

36

Trust in Jesus.

7s & 6s.

1. I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God ;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White, in His blood most precious,
Till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus ;
All fulness dwells in Him :
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares ;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine ;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ the Lord ;
Like fragrance on the breezes,
His name abroad is pour'd.
4. I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild :
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child.

I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

37*Daily Prayer.***C. M.**

1. My God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.
2. Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall;
Let ev'ry sin be crucified,
Let Christ be all in all.
3. Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own,
That I may see Thy glorious face,
And worship at Thy throne.
4. May the dear blood once shed for me,
My blest atonement prove;
That I from first to last may be
The purchase of Thy love.
5. Let ev'ry thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever giv'n;
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heav'n.

38*Justification.***L. M.**

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
Save that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

3. Just as I am, though toss'd about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
With fears within, and foes without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

4. Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

5. Just as I am—Thy love unknown,
Hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

39

Doxology.

8s & 7s.

1. May the grace of Christ, our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.

2. Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

40

Thanksgiving.

L. M.

1. From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.
2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord ;
Eternal truth attends Thy word ;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

41

Doxology.

L. M.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below ;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host ;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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